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AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, FROM 1873 TO 1898.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST,
Melbourne, 15th March, 1900.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit the Australasian Statistics for the year 1898. Although nominally for the year 1898, much of the financial information is brought on to the financial year 1898-9.

Preliminary returns, embodying the leading particulars of these Statistics, were forwarded to the Government Printer on the 9th March, 17th May, and 13th September, 1899, and were duly published in the *Government Gazette*.

Most of the Australasian Colonies have, for some time past, independently compiled returns of Australasian Statistics, but, as considerable trouble and inconvenience had been caused by the varying forms used by the different colonies for the collection of information, the Statisticians agreed to have a uniform set for the purpose—embodying, as far as possible, the suggestions and requirements of the various offices—drawn up by Mr. R. M. Johnston, Government Statistician of Tasmania, who kindly undertook the task. These forms, having been duly framed, were used for the first time in the compilation of the returns for 1898. With certain modifications, dictated by experience, they are likely to prove of great service, not only in facilitating the interchange of information and in minimizing the work of compilation, but also in concentrating the attention of all the Statisticians to the improvement of existing statistical methods.

Consequent on the near approach of Australian Federation, and the necessity for forming an estimate of the population of the Federating Colonies on a uniform basis, in order to ascertain the number of members for the Federal House of Representatives to be chosen for each colony, a Conference of Statisticians was convened by order of the Premiers of the colonies interested. The Conference met in Sydney on the 21st February, 1900, and, after due deliberation, estimates of the populations of the federating colonies on the 31st December, 1899, were made and adopted, the results being shown in the last column of Table I. Another Conference was subsequently held, at which the Statisticians of all the Australasian Colonies were represented, to devise a uniform method for the enumeration and tabulation of the returns of the next Census, the date of which was fixed by the Conference for Sunday, the 28th April, 1901.

A few tables, which were presented in the preceding, are omitted from the present issue of these Statistics—the most important of which are those showing the “Cost of Collection of Customs and Excise Revenue”—formerly appended to a table corresponding to Table IX.; “Present value of Debentures and Stock” held as security for the Public Debts; “Loans Authorized, but not Raised”; and the origin and investment of “Government Trust Funds.” In the previous issue it was shown that, in Australia and Tasmania, three-fourths of the Trust Funds belonged to the Savings Banks, and that only about one-half of the total funds were permanently invested in Government Securities.

In several of the old tables modifications or additions are made—the latter being provided by the more comprehensive nature of the new Schedules, already referred to. Thus, in Table II., may now be found the percentage of illegitimate to total births, which varied in 1898 from 7 in New South Wales and 6 in Queensland to a minimum of $3\frac{2}{3}$ in South Australia, the proportion in Victoria being $5\frac{1}{4}$; also the proportion of illiterate persons to every 100 married, which was as high as 6 in Tasmania, but in the other colonies varied from 3 in Queensland to much less than 1 in Victoria and New Zealand.

Table VI. has been recast, and now shows only the “Gross” and “Net” recorded arrivals by sea, from which the gross departures may be ascertained if desired; but the “net” arrivals alone are of significance, since the “gross” arrivals and departures in some colonies—notably Victoria and South Australia—embrace all persons passing through the ports, no matter whether they have any intention of landing in the colony or not. In addition, the allowances for unrecorded departures by sea and for overland migration by rail—made by the various colonies in estimating the population—are also shown.

In Table VIII., the interest received on account of Loans to Local Bodies is now distinguished from that on public balances in the Banks; in the colonies, as a whole, the former amounted to about £300,000, and the latter to nearly £200,000. The cost of collection of Customs and Excise Duties will be found in former issues as an appendix to the corresponding table to No. IX.; it has not been deemed necessary to repeat it.

In Table X. a new column has been inserted for "Police," and one for Quarantine. The cost of the former exceeds £1,000,000 per annum, and that of the latter is only £12,600.

The average currency of loans is not shown in Table XII., as in previous editions. In the last edition the corresponding table was followed by an actuarial computation of the present value of Debentures and Stock forming the Public Debts of the various colonies.

The amount of interest payable in London and Australia respectively is not now shown in Table XVI., although the apportionment of the *principal* between those places is still shown in Table XV.

In Table XXII., in addition to the usual information, steam vessels are specially distinguished; and from this it appears that 80 per cent. of the ships trading to Australasia, comprising 85 per cent. of the tonnage, are worked by steam power.

Additional information relating to Government Railways will be found in Table XXV. Thus of the gross receipts in Australasia in 1897-8, amounting to £10,400,000—about £4,000,000 was derived from coaching and £6,100,000 from goods traffic, and about £300,000 from other sources. The number of locomotives in use per 100 miles of line varied from 12 in Queensland to over 18 in New South Wales and Western Australia, and to over 19 in South Australia; in Victoria the number was about $16\frac{1}{2}$, whilst the general average was nearly 16. Of the total number of railway vehicles in Australasia, only 8 per cent. were used for passengers; whilst the number of vehicles per mile open varied from only 2 in Queensland to over 4 in New South Wales and New Zealand and nearly 5 in Western Australia. In this respect Victoria (with only $3\frac{1}{4}$) and Tasmania had a smaller equipment than any other colonies except Queensland.

The Postal Returns in Table XXVIII. are more elaborate than in former issues, but unfortunately those of Victoria are too incomplete for comparison with the other colonies.

Further columns have been added to Table XXXIII., relating to Crown Lands, which show that $6\frac{1}{3}$ million acres of unalienated land in Australasia are now under perpetual lease—a growing form of tenure, and nearly 645 million acres under all other kinds of licence or lease of a terminable character, whilst 1,187 million acres were still unoccupied or reserved for public purposes.

In Table XXXIX., a fresh column is inserted, showing the equivalent of the wool produced (consisting of greasy, washed, and scoured) in greasy wool, which is statistically the more correct basis. The average export price (according to Customs returns) is also shown, from which it appears that the value per lb. of greasy wool in South Australia in 1898 was only 6d., in Victoria $6\frac{3}{4}$ d., in New South Wales 7d., and in New Zealand 7d.; the general average being 7d.

The production of bacon and ham has been added to that of butter and cheese in Table XLIII. Of the former, 27 million pounds weight is now cured annually in five of the seven colonies—the information for South and Western Australia not being available—or 7 lbs. per head of population. The largest production per head of such articles was 14 lbs. in Queensland, next $7\frac{2}{3}$ lbs. in Victoria, over 5 lbs. in New South Wales and New Zealand, but only 1 lb. per head in Tasmania.

The production of gold has, for the first time in these Statistics, been reduced to its equivalent in fine ounces—based on the values returned. (See Table XLIV.)

The entirely new tables, which are embodied in the work, owing to facilities afforded by the new and more comprehensive forms in use, relate to the following subjects:—Population and Vital Statistics of Capital Cities (Table III.); Ages at Death (IV.); Meteorology in Capital Cities (V.); Balances of Consolidated Revenue (VII.); Shipping to and from various Countries (XXIII.); Shipping and Commerce at Principal Australasian Ports (XXIV.); Private Railways—of which there are 837 miles, and Public and Private Tramways, of which there are 155 miles—formerly particularized in footnotes (XXVI. and XXVII.); Money Orders (XXX.); Private

Schools (XXXV.); Mineral Productions, other than Gold and Coal (XLVI.); Interchange of Coin and Bullion (XLVII.); Value of Rateable Property (LIII.); Probates and Letters of Administration (LIV.); Inmates of Charitable Institutions (LVII.); Crime (LVIII.); Insolvencies (LIX.).

Amongst other items of interest contained in the new tables, it will be noticed that the infantile death-rate (deaths under one year per 100 births) varied in 1898 from $16\frac{3}{4}$ in Western Australia to only 8 in New Zealand, whilst it was $13\frac{1}{2}$ in Victoria—or nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ above the average; and, taking the capital cities, it varied from 19 in Perth to only 9 in Brisbane, whilst the rate in Melbourne was 16—or 3 above the average (Table IV.).

Turning to Meteorology, as shown in the next table, it will be found that the mean barometric pressure was over 30 in Brisbane, Adelaide, and Perth, and below 30 in the other capital cities, the lowest record being in Sydney; that the maximum temperature in the shade in 1898 was as high as $113\frac{1}{3}^{\circ}$ in Adelaide and $109\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ in Melbourne—but these must have been exceptionally high records, whilst it was slightly below 100° in Sydney, and only 77° in Wellington; that the minimum temperature in the shade varied from about 32° in Melbourne and Wellington to over 40° in Sydney and Brisbane; and that the mean temperature showed a range of 13° between the lower and the higher latitudes—thus it was 55° in Hobart and Wellington, nearly 59° in Melbourne, $63\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ in Sydney and Adelaide, 65° in Perth, and over 68° in Brisbane. As to rainfall, the number of wet days in the year was as high as 162 to 164 in Hobart and Wellington, 149 in Sydney, 131 in Brisbane, and less than 120 in the other cities, of which Melbourne was remarkable in having the fewest, viz., 102. The amount of rainfall was highest in Brisbane, viz., 60 inches, next 42 to 43 inches in Wellington and Sydney, 32 in Perth, $20\frac{1}{2}$ in Adelaide and Hobart, and less than 16 in Melbourne, where, however, it was the lowest on record.

As to Shipping, it is shown (Tables XXIII. and XXIV.) that nearly two-thirds of the tonnage of vessels entered and cleared in Australasia (exclusive of the coastal trade of each colony) is employed in the intercolonial trade, nearly a sixth in trading with the United Kingdom, and over one-sixth with other countries. The concentration of the shipping into one port is greatest in Victoria, where 94 per cent. of the tonnage is entered and cleared at Melbourne, and least in New Zealand, where two ports (Auckland and Wellington) each get credit for little more than a third of the total tonnage, whilst the other third is distributed over other ports; in South Australia as much as 86 per cent. is credited to Port Adelaide; in Western Australia, 71 per cent. to Albany, and 25 per cent. to Fremantle; in Queensland, 69 per cent. to Brisbane, the balance being spread over several ports; in New South Wales, 62 per cent. to Sydney, and 32 per cent. to Newcastle, the chief coaling port; and in Tasmania, 61 per cent. to Hobart, and the balance distributed evenly between Launceston and the other ports.

As to trade, it will be seen that in several colonies the external trade is much more concentrated than in others. For instance, in Victoria more than, and in New South Wales nearly, four-fifths; in Western Australia nearly two-thirds, and in South Australia more than three-fifths, of the trade passed through a single port. In Western Australia, although the trade of Fremantle (including Perth) was three times that of Albany, the excess was made up of imports only. In New Zealand, on the other hand, Auckland and Wellington have each about one-fifth of the trade, Lyttleton one-sixth, and Dunedin nearly one-seventh, one-fourth being diffused over minor ports. The percentage of imports far exceeded that of exports in Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin, and that of exports more than trebled that of imports in the minor ports. In Tasmania trade is also well diffused, Hobart and Launceston each getting a little more than one-third, the balance being distributed among minor ports. In Queensland, also, the distribution is wide, two-fifths passing through Brisbane, one-fifth through Townsville, nearly one-sixth through Rockhampton, and one-fourth through minor ports—the percentage of imports more than doubling that of exports in Brisbane, whilst in the other ports the percentage of exports exceeds that of imports. The proportion of shipping credited to the various ports bears no relation to the proportion of actual trade carried on with those ports, since the whole tonnage of any vessel visiting a colony is entered inwards at the first port of call in that colony, and is entered outwards at the last port touched at; whereas in the case of commerce each port gets credit only for the value of goods actually landed there or exported thence direct to other countries. The coaling port of Newcastle, in New South

Wales, is a striking example of this, for, although it is credited with nearly one-third of the shipping entered and cleared, its contribution to the external trade (which, of course, excludes coastal trade within the colony), was only 4 per cent.

Whilst dealing with the question of trade, attention might also be directed to Tables XX. and XXI., from which it may be ascertained that 72 per cent. of the value of the principal imports into Australasia referred to such articles as were fit for immediate consumption, and 28 per cent. to such as required some, or further, manufacturing treatment before being available for the use of man. Of the former, five-sixths consisted of finished manufactured articles, and one-sixth, of products available for consumption in their natural state. As regards exports, 41 per cent. of the value of the principal articles referred to finished manufactured articles, and 47 per cent. to primary products, such as wool, hides, &c., which would form the raw material for various manufacturing industries in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, whilst 11 per cent. related to articles consumable in their natural state, and only $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to articles which had been only partially treated. Of the classified imports (one-seventh are unclassified), about 23 per cent. consisted of foods, 22 per cent. of textile fabrics and dress, 17 per cent. of precious metals (gold and silver), and 13 per cent. of metal manufactures, &c.; whilst of the exports 39 per cent. consisted of wool, hides, tallow, and other products of the pastoral industry, 38 per cent. of the precious metals (gold and silver), and 12 per cent. of foods. The following is a summary of the values of the principal groups of articles imported into and exported from Australasia in 1898:—

PRINCIPAL GROUPS OF ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALASIA, 1898.

Class of Articles.	Fit for Immediate Consumption.		Requiring Further Manufacture.		Total.
	Primary Products.	Manufactured Articles.	Primary Products.	Partly Manufactured Articles.	
	£	£	£	£	£
IMPORTS.					
Foods—					
Stimulants ... ..	...	2,061,452	...	...	2,061,452
Narcotics ... ..	...	909,066	123,307	...	1,032,373
Tea	1,138,787	...	...	...	1,138,787
Sugar ... ..	...	920,680	1,459,382	...	2,380,062
Other*	4,192,796	2,599,506	603,424	...	7,395,726
Textile fabrics and dress ... ..	...	9,310,343	...	3,549,995	12,860,338
Railway materials, &c. ... ..	...	880,722	...	...	880,722
Metals, minerals, &c. ... ..	...	5,212,957	150,614	2,366,072	7,729,643
Precious metals ... ..	...	8,813,064	1,408,398	...	10,221,462
Ceramics ... ..	...	624,778	...	...	624,778
Heat, light, and energy	703,169	616,101	...	...	1,319,270
Books, &c. ... ..	...	1,003,343	...	...	1,003,343
Other articles classified	808,792	2,509,583	4,712,533	2,083,223	10,114,131
Total classified	6,843,544	35,461,595	8,457,658	7,999,290	58,762,087
Unclassified articles ... ..	...	...	...	...	9,888,991
Grand total ... ..	...	...	...	...	68,651,078
EXPORTS.					
Foods—					
Wine ... ..	...	153,926	...	...	153,926
Narcotics ... ..	...	195,633	10,275	...	205,908
Sugar ... ..	...	1,443,659	361,786	...	1,805,445
Other*	5,799,171	2,650,571	700,197	...	9,149,939
Textile fabrics and dress ... ..	...	923,400	...	185,186	1,108,586
Precious metals ... ..	...	22,714,842	3,409,164	...	26,124,006
Wool, hides and skins, tallow, leather ... ..	...	...	26,427,001	799,866	27,226,867
Shells and kauri-gum ... ..	...	...	242,428	...	242,428
Other articles classified	1,622,058	312,413	1,573,136	59,119	3,566,726
Total classified	7,421,229	28,394,444	32,723,987	1,044,171	69,583,831
Unclassified articles ... ..	...	...	...	...	9,052,359
Grand total ... ..	...	...	...	...	78,636,190

* Principal kinds only.

Some interesting facts may be gleaned from the table relating to money orders (No. XXX.). In 1898, the difference between the amount of money orders issued and that of those paid in Australasia was about £225,000 in favour of those issued, which amount may be taken as representing the net amount remitted by such means to the United Kingdom and other places beyond Australasia. The net amount received through this medium by Victoria was £390,000; by Tasmania, £85,000; by South Australia, £70,000; and by New South Wales, £60,000—making a total of £605,000 for those four colonies; whereas the net amount remitted by Western Australia, was £560,000; by New Zealand, £150,000; and by Queensland, £120,000—making a total for these three colonies of £830,000. The aggregate amount of money orders issued and paid in Australasia in 1898 exceeded $9\frac{1}{2}$ millions sterling, whilst nearly $1\frac{1}{4}$ millions were remitted (almost purely local business) by means of postal notes. Money orders averaged about £3 6s. each, and postal notes about 7s.

The private schools (Table XXXV.), number nearly 3,000 in Australasia, as against 8,000 State schools; and contain 156,000 scholars as against 900,000 in the latter; taught by 8,500 teachers, or half as many as in State schools. The only colony in which the State contributed to private schools was Queensland, where the subsidy was only £10,000.

The chief metals and minerals, other than gold and coal, obtained in Australasia are silver and silver-lead—obtained chiefly in New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand—to the value of over 2 millions sterling annually; copper—chiefly in Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia—to the value of nearly 1 million; tin—from Tasmania and New South Wales—about £220,000; and other minerals—chiefly in New Zealand (Kauri Gum, &c.), and New South Wales—of over £880,000.

Other tables show the capital value of rateable property in Australasia—exclusive of Western Australia and the unmunICIPALIZED portion of New South Wales—to be 517 millions, being equivalent to the net annual value of $30\frac{1}{2}$ millions sterling; that over 9,000 estates of deceased persons, valued at nearly 19 millions sterling were administered to in Australasia in 1898, of which $6\frac{1}{4}$ millions was in Victoria, and nearly 6 millions in New South Wales; that there were in the seven colonies 16,300 inmates in charitable institutions (exclusive of hospitals), of which about 4,800 were in Victoria, and 6,500 in New South Wales.

The table relating to Fiji (Appendix A) now contains information for twenty-one years, and that for New Guinea (Appendix B) for ten years.

The usual summary of the assisted immigration into these colonies since 1850 will be found in Appendix C, also a return of overland migration by rail, will be found in Appendix D.

This being the twenty-sixth issue of these Statistics, the folding sheet at the commencement of the work now contains a summary of the principal items relating to each colony from 1873 to 1898; whilst in the footnotes and addenda, in the body of the work, will be found many particulars for a later year.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES J. FENTON,
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The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1898.

TABLE I.—AREA AND ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1898 AND 1899.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.*	On the 31st December, 1898					Mean Popula- tion, 1898.	Population on 31st December, 1899.†
		Population.			Number of—			
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.		
Victoria	87,884	593,423	582,040	1,175,463	98·08	13·37	1,172,952	1,162,900
New South Wales	309,175	721,335	624,905	1,346,240	86·63	4·35	1,334,850	1,348,400
Queensland	668,224	279,670	218,853	498,523	78·25	·75	492,602	482,400
South Australia Proper	379,805	187,251	175,646	362,897	93·80	·96	358,035	370,700
Do., Northern Territory	523,620	4,494	409	4,903	9·10	·01	4,904	
Western Australia	975,920	112,054	56,075	168,129	50·04	·17	169,270	171,000
Total	2,944,628	1,898,227	1,657,928	3,556,155	87·34	1·21	3,532,613	3,535,400
Tasmania	26,375	95,633	81,707	177,340	85·44	6·72	174,530	182,300
New Zealand	104,471	392,124	351,339	743,463	89·59	7·12	735,260	756,500
Grand Total	3,075,474	2,385,984	2,090,974	4,476,958	87·63	1·46	4,443,403	4,474,200

NOTE.—The figures for each colony have been estimated independently by the Statistician of the same colony. Aborigines are not included, except in the case of Victoria and New South Wales; in the former colony, they numbered about 500, and in the latter, about 8,250. In Queensland, in 1898, there were 8,589 Polynesians, 9,989 Chinese, 3,269 Japanese, 358 Javanese, and 2,242 other Asiatics.

* The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetric calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne, and the results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. The official figures for four of the colonies which differ from those given above, are as follow:—New South Wales, 310,700 (recently altered from 306,066); Queensland, 668,497; South Australia (proper), 380,070; Tasmania, 26,215 square miles.—† Exclusive of Aborigines. The above are the estimates framed and adopted, except in regard to Western Australia and New Zealand, at a Conference of Australian Statisticians held in Sydney, in February, 1900.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages *.	Per 1,000 of Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages *
Victoria	15,435	14,737	30,172	10,513	8,162	18,695	7,620	25·72	15·94	6·50
New South Wales	18,723	17,459	36,222	9,636	7,025	16,661	8,888	27·14	12·48	6·66
Queensland	7,083	6,850	13,933	3,771	2,472	6,243	2,972	28·29	12·67	6·03
South Australia Proper	4,568	4,377	8,945	2,584	2,091	4,675	2,214	24·98	13·06	6·18
Do., Northern Territory	12	13	25	51	6	57	7	5·10	11·62	1·43
Western Australia	2,574	2,394	4,968	1,773	923	2,716	1,674	29·35	16·05	9·89
Total	48,395	45,870	94,265	28,368	20,679	49,047	23,375	26·68	13·88	6·62
Tasmania	2,409	2,171	4,580	1,041	1,097	2,359	1,097	26·24	13·52	6·29
New Zealand	9,615	9,340	18,955	4,280	2,964	7,244	5,091	25·74	9·84	6·91
Grand Total	60,419	57,381	117,800	33,966	24,684	58,650	29,563	26·51	13·20	6·65

Name of Colony.	Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.		Illegitimate Births.		Signing Marriage Register with Marks.			
	Number.	Per cent.	Born.	Died.	Number.	Percentage of Total Births.	Number.		Percentage of Persons Married (Both Sexes).	
							Men.	Women.		
Victoria	11,477	61·3	104·7	129·0	1,597	5·29	56	47	·68	
New South Wales	19,561	117·4	107·0	137·2	2,511	6·93	156	151	1·73	
Queensland	7,690	123·2	103·4	152·5	841	6·04	89	97	3·13	
South Australia Proper	4,270	91·3	104·3	123·6	324	3·62	45	35	1·81	
Do., Northern Territory	— 32 †	— 128·0 †	92·3	850·0	1	4·00	1	1	14·29	
Western Australia	2,252	82·9	107·5	194·3	248	5·00	10	24	1·01	
Total	45,218	92·2	105·5	137·2	5,522	5·86	357	355	1·52	
Tasmania	2,221	94·3	111·0	126·6	233	5·09	61	69	5·92	
New Zealand	11,711	161·7	102·9	144·4	801	4·25	37	39	·75	
Grand Total	59,150	100·8	105·3	137·6	6,556	5·56	455	463	1·55	

* The numbers in these two columns doubled give the total number of persons married and the number married in proportion to every thousand of the mean population.—† Excess of deaths over births.

TABLE III.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS OF CAPITAL CITIES, 1898.

Capital City.	Area in Square Miles.	Population, 1898.		Number of—			Per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Illegitimate Births.		Signing Marriage Register with Marks.	
		At end of Year.	Mean.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Number.	Percentage of Total Births.	Number.	Percentage of Persons Married.
Melbourne (Victoria) ..	254·16	469,880	464,690	12,016	8,523	3,992	25·86	18·34	8·59	995	8·28	69	·86
Sydney (New South Wales) ..	143·00	426,950	422,100	11,913	6,363	3,876	28·22	15·07	9·18	1,233	10·35	116	1·50
Brisbane (Queensland) {	314·16*	118,193	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adelaide (South Australia) {	262·00	147,616	146,870	3,927	2,542	1,213	26·74	17·31	8·25	114	8·51	9	·77
Perth (Western Australia) {	25·06	39,600	39,800	1,339	739	588	33·64	18·57	14·77	75	8·75	35	6·01
Hobart (Tasmania) ..	98·65	40,450	39,808	857	591	291	21·53	14·85	7·31	100	8·35	..	..
Wellington (New Zealand) {	20·40	47,207	45,999	1,198	549	..	26·04	11·94	..	..	..	..	..

* Within 10-mile radius.—† Brisbane proper (less than 5-mile radius).—‡ Approximate.—§ Figures not furnished.

TABLE IV.—AGES AT DEATH, 1898

Ages]			In the whole Colony															
			Victoria.		New South Wales.		Queensland.		South Australia.*		Western Australia.		Tasmania.		New Zealand.		Total Australasia.	
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year	...	...	2,228	1,819	2,431	1,987	804	736	730	527	448	382	312	219	860	650	7,813	6,320
1 to 5 years	...	...	1,055	986	960	910	373	368	225	211	161	130	106	93	238	172	3,118	2,870
5 to 65 years	...	...	4,149	3,624	4,140	2,962	2,050	1,057	1,106	885	988	363	465	438	2,096	1,473	14,994	10,802
65 and over	...	...	3,091	1,730	2,099	1,165	534	310	572	474	196	48	435	291	1,086	669	8,013	4,687
Unspecified	...	...	10	3	6	1	10	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	5
Total	...	...	10,533	8,162	9,636	7,025	3,771	2,472	2,635	2,097	1,793	923	1,318	1,041	4,280	2,964	33,966	24,684
Infantile death rate			13.41		12.19		11.05		14.01		16.71		11.59		7.97		12.00	

Ages.			In the Capital City, including Suburbs.													
			Melbourne.		Sydney.		Brisbane.†		Adelaide.		Perth.		Hobart.		Wellington.	
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year	...	...	1,072	847	989	837	147	132	379	281	137	120	70	46	80	77
1 to 5 years	...	...	555	522	446	426	83	86	133	122	54	40	24	20	20	13
5 to 65 years	...	...	1,934	1,799	1,478	1,237	296	261	568	508	198	105	95	105	155	121
65 and over	...	...	1,035	759	507	443	75	76	288	263	73	12	141	90	46	37
Unspecified	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	4,596	3,927	3,420	2,943	602	555	1,368	1,174	462	277	330	261	301	248
Infantile death rate			15.97		15.33		8.92		16.81		19.19		13.54		13.11	

* Including Northern Territory.

† Exclusive of suburbs.

TABLE V.—METEOROLOGY IN CAPITAL CITIES, 1898.

Capital City.	Geographical Position.						Mean Barometric Pressure.	Temperature in Shade.			Rainfall.	
	Latitude S.			Longitude E.				Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Number of Days.	Amount.
	°	'	''	°	'	''						
Melbourne (Victoria)	37	49	53	144	58	32	inches. 29·91	109·4	32·3	58·7	102	inches. 15·61*
Sydney (New South Wales) ..	33	51	41	151	12	23	29·87	99·7	40·4	63·5	149	42·97
Brisbane (Queensland)	27	28	0	153	1	36	30·03	105·4	40·1	68·3	131	60·06
Adelaide (South Australia) ..	34	55	34	138	35	4	30·04	113·3	36·1	63·8	116	20·75
Perth (Western Australia) ..	31	57	24	115	52	42	30·02	107·0	37·1	64·8	118	31·76
Hobart (Tasmania)	43	53	25	147	19	57	29·90	102·2	33·6	54·9	164	20·40
Wellington (New Zealand) ..	41	16	25	174	46	38	29·91	77·3	31·9	55·2	162	41·96

* Lowest on record, i.e., since 1840.

TABLE VI.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Number by Sea as recorded.						Further allowances made for—					
	Gross Arrivals.			Net Immigration.*			Unrecorded Departures by Sea.			Net overland Migration by Rail. Immigration (+). Emigration (-).†		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria	64,226	30,410	94,436	- 441	- 3,348	- 3,789	6,447	2,026	8,473	..	..	..¹
New South Wales	49,186	26,340	75,526	7,195	2,599	9,794	2,850	1,599	4,449	- 1,457	- 669	- 2,126
Queensland	17,133	6,580	23,713	4,761	869	5,630	..	..	..	+ 225	+ 278	+ 503
South Australia Proper ..	38,283	16,545	54,828	1,171	- 457	714	408	374	782	+ 584	- 113	+ 471
Do., Northern Territory	563	74	637	115	..	115	..	..	..	Nil	Nil	Nil
Western Australia	22,683	10,026	32,709	914	3,039	3,953	..	..	..	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	191,874	89,975	281,849	13,715	2,702	16,417	9,705	3,999	13,704	- 648	- 504	- 1,152
Tasmania	16,270	7,804	24,074	3,803	949	4,752	868	484	1,352	Nil	Nil	Nil
New Zealand	12,524	6,331	18,855	2,086	610	2,696	..	..	..	Nil	Nil	Nil
Grand Total	220,668	104,110	324,778	19,604 ²	4,261 ²	23,865 ²	10,573	4,483	15,056	- 648	- 504	- 1,152

NOTE.—The numbers of assisted and free immigrants were as follow:—New South Wales, 3 males, 2 females, total 5; Western Australia, 28 males, 69 females, total 97; total Australasia, 31 males, 71 females, total 102.

* After deducting departures by sea. The minus sign (–) indicates a net emigration. The figures in these columns generally overstate the truth, as many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted. An estimated allowance to provide for this has been made in four colonies as shown in the next three columns.

† It will be seen that three out of the four colonies, between which there is a considerable overland traffic, take note of the movements by rail; but as the traffic by road is not accounted for, the figures as a guide to overland movements must be regarded as inconclusive. Even these returns, moreover, do not balance. Thus, in 1898, there was a net overland emigration by rail from Victoria (for which the number was 185) and New South Wales of 2,311, but a net immigration into Queensland and South Australia of only 974—thus showing a discrepancy of 1,337.

¹ In Victoria, the net emigration by rail in 1898 was 185, but this was not taken into account in estimating the population.

² Net figures. In the United Kingdom in 1898, according to Imperial returns, the number of departures for the Australasian colonies was 11,020, and the number of arrivals therefrom was 7,315. The excess in favour of departures was thus 3,705, or less than one-sixth of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table; or less than one-half, if a lowance be made for increased departures by sea, as shown in the next three columns.

TABLE VII.—BALANCES OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AT END OF 1897-8.

Colony.	Surplus.	Accumulated Deficiency.		
		Covered by—		Total.
		Treasury Bills.	Cash Overdraft.	
Victoria	£ ..	£ 250,000	£ 2,194,355	£ 2,444,355
New South Wales .. ..	..	2,327,584	- 126,262*	2,201,322
Queensland	20,724	..	..	..
South Australia .. ..	..	..	28,671	28,671
Western Australia .. ..	..	..	186,803	186,803
Tasmania	20,724	2,577,584	2,283,567	4,861,151
New Zealand	221,144†	256,322†	..	256,322
Grand Total	241,868	2,833,906	2,283,567	5,117,473

NOTE.—In South Australia, the large deficiency which formerly existed was wiped out by the flotation of funded debt.

* Cash in hand.

† Local stock of short currency.

‡ After allowing for transfer of £300,000 to Public Works Fund.

TABLE VIII.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1897-8.*

Name of Colony.				Taxation.						Crown Lands Revenue.					
				Customs Duties, &c.†	Excise Duties.	Land Tax.	Income Tax.‡	Stamps.			Business Licences and other Taxes.§	Sales (including progress payments).	Rents of Pastoral Lands.	Rents of Mineral Lands.	Other.
								Probate and Succession Duties.	Duties on Bank Notes.	Other Stamp Duties.					
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	...	...	...	1,840,404	301,318	115,451	186,225	238,780	18,844	172,400 ¹	36,815	285,164	58,701	22,404	30,027
New South Wales	...	...	...	1,247,793	289,479	364,131	144,269	160,791	23,979	160,499	120,357	1,196,468	637,893	44,268	98,187
Queensland	...	...	...	1,207,849	123,396	...	61,596	...	...	110,207	56,597	163,929	346,058	30,013	20,676
South Australia Proper	...	...	...	534,842	36,409	78,255	86,198	68,754	...	28,019	21,122	38,227	49,344	1,708	89,995
Do., Northern Territory	...	...	...	35,969	6	274	644	...	...	253	579	...	8,203	2,095	209
Western Australia	...	...	...	1,017,724	...	...	...	11,776	...	59,007	25,819	69,798	69,015	87,401	30,159
Total	...	...	...	5,884,581	750,608	558,111	478,932	480,101	42,823	530,385	261,289	1,753,586	1,169,214	187,889	269,253
Tasmania	...	...	...	406,782	21,181	38,481	22,488	6,338	...	16,967	28,266	34,882	5,271	25,745	...
New Zealand	...	...	...	1,935,252	72,179	267,287	115,210	...	...	288,648 ¹	...	92,579	152,372	...	18,345
Grand Total	...	...	...	8,226,615	843,968	863,879	616,630	486,439	42,823	836,000	289,555	1,881,047	1,326,857	213,634	287,598

Name of Colony.				Reproductive Public Works.					Other Sources.				
				Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply.	Sewerage.	Post and Money Order Offices.¶	Telegraphs and Telephones.¶	Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures. ¶	Interest.		Pilotage, Harbor, and Light Rates.**	Miscellaneous.††
										On Loans to Local Bodies.	On Public Balances.		
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	...	...	...	2,602,547	35,925	...	388,086 ¹	138,315	88,534 ¹	151,512	25,089	...	161,699
New South Wales	...	...	...	3,336,350 ⁵	203,215	90,692	527,092	201,043	110,649	13,955	19,260	47,380	266,503
Queensland	...	...	...	1,158,657	...	...	174,864	84,075	25,958	78,403	72,004	18,186	35,684
South Australia Proper	...	...	...	987,745	107,510	...	131,653	123,703	42,392	1,376	30,511	24,761	84,087
Do., Northern Territory	...	...	...	14,727	...	...	1,079	...	368	...	...	1,036	1,674
Western Australia	...	...	...	1,035,199	16,821	...	111,497	109,415	59,284	...	3,113	16,740	31,979
Total	...	...	...	9,135,225	363,471	90,692	1,334,271	656,551	327,185	245,246	149,977	108,103	581,626
Tasmania	...	...	...	175,125	...	...	63,856	20,876	24,570	4,175	3,837	...	9,383
New Zealand	...	...	...	1,370,572	4,951	...	270,627 ¹	136,221	77,331 ¹	43,864	36,383	23,960	81,849
Grand Total	...	...	...	10,680,922	368,422	90,692	1,668,754	813,648	429,086	293,285	190,197	132,063	672,858

* Year ended 30th June, 1898, except in the cases of Tasmania and New Zealand, the figures for the former being for the calendar year 1898, and those for the latter for the year ended 31st March, 1898.

† For details for calendar year see Table IX., *post*.

‡ Including dividend tax (the whole amount shown) in Queensland; Absentee tax, £2,980, in South Australia; and Companies tax, £2,230, in Tasmania.

§ Including publicans' licence-fees—£94,788 in New South Wales, £31,710 in Queensland, £21,259 in Western Australia, and £0,638 in Tasmania; in Victoria such fees, which amount to £101,776, are first paid into a special fund, and are subsequently, for the most part, handed over to the municipalities. Including also totalizator tax in Queensland, £5,708; and rural police rate in Tasmania, £11,158.

|| In New South Wales, Queensland (in the case of letters only), South Australia, and Western Australia the values of official letters and telegrams are included as postal and telegraphic revenue, a practice not followed in Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand; hence the postal revenues of those colonies are higher than would otherwise be the case. For amounts so included see Table XXXI., *post*.

¶ The following items are included in account of Insolvency and Patents, &c.—*Insolvency*—Victoria, £2,934 (average about £5,000); New South Wales, £4,437; Queensland, £571; South Australia, £761; Western Australia, £1,964. *Patents, Copyrights, &c.*—Victoria, £4,092; New South Wales, £4,169; Queensland, £2,614; South Australia, £1,714; Tasmania, £1,154; New Zealand, £3,097.

** See footnote †† on page 22, *post*.

†† Including *Rents* (exclusive of lands) as follow:—Victoria, £3,521; New South Wales, £71,354; South Australia, £2,969; Western Australia, £3,056; Tasmania, £3,001; also *Mint receipts, &c.*—Victoria, £28,337 (including £5,004 subsidy returned); New South Wales, £14,808 (including £1,186 subsidy returned); also *Public School fees*—New South Wales, £73,927 and South Australia, £3,073; also *Loans to Sugar Mills* repaid in Queensland, £1,418.

[For other footnotes see next page.]

TABLE VIII.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1897-8—continued.

Name of Colony.	Summary of Revenue from—				TOTAL REVENUE.	Proportion derived from—				Per Head of Population.				
	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.		Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	Total Revenue
£	£	£	£	£	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria	2,910,237	396,296	3,164,873	426,834	6,898,240	42·19	5·74	45·88	6·19	2 9 6	0 6 9	2 13 10	0 7 3	5 17 4
New South Wales	2,511,298	1,976,816	4,358,392	457,747	9,304,253	26·99	21·25	46·84	4·92	1 18 0	1 9 10	3 5 11	0 6 11	7 0 8
Queensland	1,559,645	560,676	1,417,596	230,235	3,768,152	41·39	14·88	37·62	6·11	3 4 4	1 3 2	2 18 6	0 9 6	7 15 6
South Australia Proper	853,599	179,274	1,350,611	183,127	2,566,611	33·26	6·98	52·62	7·14	2 7 8	0 10 0	3 15 5	0 10 3	7 3 4
Do., Northern Territory	37,725	10,507	15,806	3,078	67,116	56·21	15·65	23·55	4·59	7 16 7	2 3 7	3 5 7	0 12 9	13 18 6
Western Australia	1,114,326	256,373	1,272,932	111,116	2,754,747	40·45	9·31	46·21	4·03	6 17 7	1 11 8	7 17 3	0 13 9	17 0 3
Total	8,986,830	3,379,942	11,580,210	1,412,137	25,359,119	35·44	13·33	45·66	5·57	2 11 3	0 19 3	3 6 0	0 8 0	7 4 6
Tasmania	540,503	65,898	259,857	41,965	908,223	59·51	7·26	28·61	4·62	3 1 11	0 7 7	1 9 9	0 4 10	5 4 1
New Zealand	2,678,576	263,296	1,782,371	263,387	4,987,630	53·70	5·28	35·74	5·28	3 13 6	0 7 2	2 9 0	0 7 2	6 16 10
Grand Total	12,205,909	3,709,136	13,622,438	1,717,489	31,254,972	39·05	11·87	43·58	5·50	2 15 4	0 16 10	3 1 9	0 7 9	7 1 8

NOTE.—Refunds of revenue, drawbacks, and such similar entries are excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria, New South Wales (although some book entries are still included in that colony), and New Zealand, but are included in those of some of the other colonies. In comparing the revenue and expenditure under various heads in different colonies, the fact must not be overlooked that local or municipal government is more fully developed in some colonies (notably Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand) than in others, and the revenue and expenditure in the former are lower in consequence. In Victoria and Queensland, almost the whole colony is under municipal government, and there are several boards and trusts besides; whereas in New South Wales, for example, only a very small proportion of the area has been locally administered. It is also to be noted that in Victoria the metropolitan tramways are in the hands of a public company, and the metro-politan water supply and sewerage and harbor works are under boards or trusts; whereas in New South Wales all of these are either directly or indirectly under Government.

¹ The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "stamp duties," "post office," and fines, fees, &c., has been roughly estimated, there being no means of obtaining the exact figures.
² Included with "Other Stamp Duties."
³ Included under "South Australia Proper."
⁴ Excluding revenue from metropolitan water supply and sewerage works receivable by the Board of Works, £74,852 (net, less interest paid to Government).
Including tramways (steam), £314,580; also £15,000 credited for free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors. No credit is taken in Victoria and some of the other colonies for the latter services.

ADDENDUM A.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1898-9.

Sources.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	New Zealand.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.		
Taxation—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Customs, &c.*	1,952,453	1,304,154	1,367,926	560,431	33,861	844,247	1,965,018
Excise	315,715	316,709	143,904	37,415	..	23,273	76,213
Other	817,636	937,895	238,580	309,658	1,557	65,447	665,868
Total	3,085,804	2,558,958	1,750,410	907,504	35,418	932,967	2,707,099
Land—							
Sales (including interest)	287,203	1,197,807	..	34,030	117	39,464	103,295
Occupation	120,835	804,216	..	130,346	10,644	103,256	170,504
Total	408,038	2,002,023	575,106	164,376	10,761	142,720	273,799
Railways and tramways	2,849,370	3,568,658	1,122,606	1,055,093	14,549	1,020,937	1,465,507
Posts and telegraphs	553,600	775,101	284,179	253,847	704	107,171	406,052
Miscellaneous	500,131	668,172	241,785	284,657	4,299	185,016	405,771
Total	3,903,101	5,011,931	1,848,570	1,593,597	19,552	1,403,124	2,277,330
Total Revenue	7,396,943	9,572,912	4,174,086	2,665,477	65,731	2,478,811	5,258,228

* Of which the following amounts of duty were derived from stimulants and narcotics in the colonies named :—

	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia (Proper).	Western Australia.	New Zealand.
Spirits, wine, and beer	£452,241	£787,665	£366,270	£136,798	£253,104	£441,816
Tobacco	238,481	278,721	180,188	68,094	91,182	331,497
Opium	8,371	18,032	24,798	321	2,814	5,236
Malt and hops	11,980	..	42,874	8,362	20,406	4,418
Total	711,073	1,084,418 (gross)	614,130	213,575 (gross)	367,506	782,967

TABLE IX.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1898.*

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Alcoholic Liquors and Materials Therefor.					Narcotics.		Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.							
		Spirits.†	Wine.	Beer.	Hops.	Malt.	Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff.	Opium.	Sugar and Molasses.	Fruits, Vegetables, &c. (Fresh and Preserved).‡	Tea.	Grain and Pulse, Flour, &c. (other than Rice).	Rice.	Fish (Fresh and Preserved).	Salt.	Coffee, Chicory, Cocoa, and Chocolate.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	399,578	18,345	30,632	13,943	39	233,462	8,992	319,872	78,935	123,856	3,619	21,309	33,260	7,001	5,777
New South Wales	685,854	22,626	50,416	...	...	279,191	18,726	108,219	50,773	3,786	...	454	...	...	322
Queensland	302,239	14,801	31,451	11,379	29,900	173,582	21,543	1,311	58,980	86,571	59,065	34,502	11,909	...	6,660
South Australia Proper	84,264	2,742	10,907	5,173	3,930	66,335	364	46,725	26,353	37,716	1,520	2,526	8,913	228	7,318
Do., Northern Territory	...	7,094	76	709	3	...	4,035	6,380	541	634	795	108	6,714	135	41	28
Western Australia	205,863	21,223	51,608	4,532	15,388	132,256	2,864	45a	34,547	...	43,003	...	5,580	1,343	699
Total	1,684,892	79,813	175,723	35,030	49,257	888,861	58,869	476,713	250,222	252,724	107,315	65,505	59,797	8,613	20,804
Tasmania	55,168	5,797	4,377	985	190	56,270	555	43,168	10,691	12,653	2,157	4,090	48	1,599	4,350
New Zealand	392,430	31,138	19,158	3,731	313	328,945	5,501	154,355	58,504	78,675	4,079	16,205	11,798	4,849	5,409
Grand Total	2,132,490	116,748	199,258	39,746	49,760	1,274,076	64,925	674,236	319,417	344,052	113,551	85,800	71,643	15,061	30,563

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Textile Fabrics and Dress.												Miscellaneous.					
		Woollen and Worsted Manu- factures, &c. §	Cotton and Linen Manufactures.	Silk Manufac- tures.	Bags and Sacks.	Hosiery.	Apparel and Slops.	Hats, Caps, and Bonnets.	Gloves.	Boots and Shoes.	Drapery and Haber- dashery. ||	All Other.	Total.	Live Stock.	Kerosene Oil.	Machinery, Tools, and Im- plements. ¶	Medicines and Drugs.	Timber.	Oil (other than Kerosene).
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	82,659	...	42,680	735	19,956	49,413	18,403	13,808	11,200	...	6,474	245,328	103,261	...	30,826	11,720	22,917	9,729
New South Wales
Queensland	27,797	17,306	3,620	1,067	9,786	29,347	12,238	4,246	10,950	31,738	1,017	149,112	...	44,741	10,500	12,701	3,438	12,176
South Australia Proper	20,561	...	...b	...	4,574	26,262	6,689	...b	8,862	24,694	379	92,021	33,248	17,619	10,053	8,891	10,255	6,704
Do., Northern Territory	...	125	...	...b	...	...b	253	...	...b	194	331	10	913	...	249	30	118	71	433
Western Australia	1,600 c	...	...b	...	...b	24,055	2,220	...b	15,291	36,060	539	79,765	33,667	...	10,146	7,800	7,586	622
Total	132,742	17,306	46,300	1,802	34,316	129,330	39,550	18,054	46,497	92,823	8,419	567,139	170,176	62,609	61,555	41,230	44,267	29,664
Tasmania	1,721 d	...b	...b	586	...b	...b	...b	...b	6,509	65,215	...	74,031	4,570	7,076	14,621	5,562	4,476	3,548
New Zealand	65,625	33,073	19,896	82	15,139	89,059	16,523	...b	27,529	57,523	16,504e	340,953	13,767	59,320	20,220	31,211	4,237	13,767
Grand Total	200,088	50,379	66,196	2,470	49,455	218,389	56,073	18,054	80,535	215,561	24,923	982,123	188,513	129,005	96,396	78,003	52,980	46,979

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TABLE IX.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1898*—continued.

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Miscellaneous—continued.						All other Articles. **	Total Customs Duty (Gross).
		Candles.	Soap.	Furniture and Upholstery.	Cement.	Matches and Vestas.	Bottles.		
Victoria	£ 1,135	£ 5,554	£ 7,478	£ 9,914	£ 4,271	£ 13,423	£ 278,629	£ 2,042,805
New South Wales	7,305	...	...	...	...	...	31,565	1,259,237
Queensland	1,205	1,851	7,878	6,073	4,980	...	199,253 <i>f</i>	1,297,801
South Australia Proper	1,485	1,242	6,019	769	1,362	...	123,165	617,847
Do., Northern Territory	7	1	39	24	65	...	1,830	31,073
Western Australia	1,964	3,243	4,399	5,241	1,215	549	223,920	899,068
Total	13,101	11,891	25,813	22,021	11,893	13,972	858,362	6,147,831
Tasmania	1,400	1,090	3,028	1,820	446	230	86,981	410,977
New Zealand	14,972	792	7,158	8,317	3,209	...	347,612 <i>f</i>	1,980,625
Grand Total	29,473	13,773	35,999	32,158	15,548	14,202	1,292,955	8,539,433

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Gross Excise Duty on—			Drawbacks, Rebates, and Refunds.††		Revenue proper (i.e., less Drawbacks, Refunds, &c.).				Net Revenue per Head of Population.		
		Spirits.	Beer.	Tobacco.	Customs.	Excise.	Customs Duties.	Excise Duties.	Miscellaneous. <i>h</i>	Total.	Customs Duties.	Excise Duties.	Total (including Mis- cellaneous).
Victoria	£ 86,524	£ 167,647	£ 55,357	£ 134,754	£ 8	£ 1,908,051	£ 309,520	£ 19,644	£ 2,237,215	£ s. d. 1 12 7	£ s. d. 0 5 3	£ s. d. 1 18 2
New South Wales	2,865	145,936	153,620	8,947	1,950	1,250,290	300,471	10,135	1,560,896	0 18 9	0 4 6	1 3 5
Queensland	42,444	58,157	30,521	10,044	38	1,287,757	131,084	7,265	1,426,106	2 12 3	0 5 4	2 17 11
South Australia Proper	11,196	25,770	...	67,456	...	550,391	36,966	5,333	592,690	1 10 9	0 2 1	1 13 1
Do., Northern Territory	39	...	31,034	...	556	31,590	6 6 7	...	6 8 10
Western Australia	10,241	...	2,448	30	896,620	10,211	18,052	924,883	5 5 11	0 1 2	5 9 3
Total	143,029	407,751	239,498	223,688	2,026	5,924,143	788,252	60,985	6,773,380	1 13 6	0 4 6	1 18 4
Tasmania	21,188	...	5,359	...	405,618	21,188	1,164	427,970	2 6 6	0 2 5	2 9 0
New Zealand	1,2449	75,164	2,434	4,661	...	1,975,964 <i>e</i>	78,842	7,734	2,062,540	2 13 8	0 2 2	2 16 0
Grand Total	144,273	504,103	241,932	233,708	2,026	8,305,725	888,282	69,883	9,263,890	1 17 5	0 4 0	2 1 9

[For footnotes, see next page.]

NOTE.—The headings in this table are of a comprehensive nature, similar articles being, as far as possible, embraced under each in the various colonies.

* All the figures in this table relate to the calendar year.

† Including bitters and liquors, but excluding methylated and perfumed spirits—which have been placed under “All other Articles.”

‡ Including jams, pickles, onions, and potatoes.

§ Including blankets, carpeting, flannels, rugs, woollen piece goods and manufactures, and yarn.

|| The indefinite term of “Drapery, &c.,” which figures so largely in the returns of all the other colonies, is not used in Victoria; the articles embraced thereunder being distributed under more specific heads. Hence this circumstance must be borne in mind when comparing the figures under this and the following heads:—Silks, Hosiery, Gloves, Apparel and Slops, Hats and Caps, and Cotton and Linen Manufactures.

¶ Including steam boilers and engines, cream separators, cutlery, tools and implements, machinery—agricultural, spinning and weaving, &c., and sewing machines.

** The principal items included under this head in the colonies named are as follow:—In *Victoria*—Butter and cheese £12,829, bicycles (parts free) £7,445, paper £19,607, plated ware £9,768, musical instruments £12,777, soap £5,554, jewellery £7,804, woodenware £12,325, fancy goods £6,756, and earthenware £6,456. In *South Australia*—Manufactures of metal £11,212, bicycles £7,622, stationery £4,412, fancy goods £5,131, paper £3,147, and plate and plated ware £3,415. In *Western Australia*—Hay and chaff £3,791, butter and cheese £45,680, bacon £25,272, hardware and ironmongery £7,058, meats (preserved and salted) £18,569, bicycles £5,406, milk preserved £10,817, and stationery, £5,041. In *Tasmania*—Hardware £10,125, coal £6,075, earthenware £3,125, and galvanized iron £3,608. In *New Zealand*—Hardware £39,892, iron and steel £27,052, bicycles £22,586, musical instruments £15,935, earthenware £7,769, and glassware £5,334.

†† In the case of *Victoria*, the item under this head is made up of drawbacks £86,679, and rebates and refunds (chiefly for sugar) £48,075, the principal articles affected being sugar (rebate £43,859 included) £47,344, dried fruits, &c., £4,166, tea £21,476, woollens, &c., £3,102, silks £3,359, hats, &c., £1,812, machinery and tools £4,079, fancy soap £2,826, all other articles £46,589. *New South Wales*—Sugar £2,489, dried fruits £2,434, ale and beer £1,010, and jams and jellies £394.

a On glucose only.—*b* Included under “Drapery.”—*c* Carpets and rugs only.—*d* Chiefly included under “All other Articles.”—*e* Consisting of feathers valued at £9,015, umbrellas £3,148, and textile piece goods £4,341.—*f* Including export duty, viz.:—In *Queensland*—£286 on cedar, and £617 (border tax) on wool; and in *New Zealand*—£14,238 on gold.—*g* Pharmacopœia tinctures, extracts, &c.

h Embracing the following items, except in regard to Western Australia and Tasmania, for which the particulars are not available:—

ITEMS OF MISCELLANEOUS CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Item.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		New Zealand.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Licences to manufacture Tobacco	1,458	1,067	..	..	..	..
Distillation, &c.	571	..	..	540	..	58
Carriers and Carters	1,459	..	521	97	1	..
Boats and Lighters .. ..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Licence-Fees for Bonded Warehouses ..	5,296	6,867	..	1,571	75	..
Rent—Queen's Warehouses—Bonded Store-keepers ..	3,408	..	6,744	..	98	5,150
Customs Agents	73	..	..	20	10	..
Officers' Services and Clerical Assistance ..	5,205	..	..	..	..	..
Fees .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fines and Forfeitures	669	..	..	1,085	61	1,193
Sundries	1,505	2,201	..	2,020	307	1,333
Total	19,644	10,135	7,265	5,333	556	7,734

ADDENDUM.—NET REVENUE FROM CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES, 1899.

Colony.	Net Revenue.			Amount per Head.	
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	s. d.
Victoria	1,936,321	324,194	2,260,515	1 12 11	5 6
New South Wales	1,344,510	325,183	1,669,693	0 19 10	4 10
Queensland	1,434,279	142,995	1,577,274	2 16 6	5 8
South Australia *	570,498	37,906	608,404	1 10 6	2 0
Western Australia	847,045	26,760	873,805	5 0 7	3 2
Tasmania	424,533	22,546	447,079	2 7 6	2 6
Total Six Colonies	6,557,186	879,644	7,436,830	1 14 10	4 8

NOTE.—These figures are exclusive of miscellaneous collections, and are liable to future correction.

* Including Northern Territory.

IXa.—RATES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTY ON SPIRITS, BEER, AND TOBACCO, DECEMBER, 1898.

Article.	Victoria.		New South Wales.		Queensland.		South Australia.		Western Australia.		Tasmania.		New Zealand.	
	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Spirits per proof gallon	12 0	10 0*	14 0	14 0	14 0	12 0	15 0	9 4	16 0	..	15 0	..	16 0	..
Beer in wood per gallon	0 10	0 3†	0 6	0 3	1/3	0 3	1 2	0 2	1 3	0 3‡	1 0	0 4	2 0	0 3
“ in bottle	1 3	..	0 9	..	1/3 & 1/6	..	1 6	0 2	1 6	..	1 6	..	..	..
“ Lager	1 6	0 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tobacco Manufactured per lb.	3 0	0 9	3 0	1 3	4 0	1 0	2 9	..	3 0	..	3 0	..	3 6	1 0
“ Cigars	6 0	..	6 0	2 6	6 0	2 0	6 3	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	7 0	1 6
“ Cigarettes	6 0	1 6	6 0	2 6	6 0	2 0	..	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	17 6§	1 6||
“ Unmanufactured	1 0	..	1 0	..	2 0	..	1 7½	..	1 10½	..	3 0	..	2 0	..
“ Snuff	3 0	0 9	3 0	..	5 0	1 0	6 0	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	7 0	1 6

* Excluding grape brandy and pure malt whisky, which are only 8s.—† If manufactured from malt and hops, 2d.—‡ Imposed about 18th August, 1898.—§ Per 1,000, if weight does not exceed 2½ lbs.; and for all weight in excess of 2½ lbs. per 1,000, 6d. per oz.—|| If made by machinery, 2/6 per lb.

TABLE X.—GENERAL EXPENDITURE, 1897-8.*
(Exclusive of Loan Expenditure.)

Name of Colony.	General Administration.†	Defences (Naval and Military).	Police.	Crown Lands.			Public Instruction, Science, &c.	Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c.	Public Works and Services.				Interest on Savings Banks Deposits.	Public Debt. (Raised chiefly for Public Works.)		Customs and Excise.	Ports and Harbors. ††	Quarantine.	Miscellaneous. ††	Total.
				Administration and Survey.	Agriculture and Grazing. ‡	Mining.			Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply, Irrigation, and Sewerage §	General Public Works. ||	Post and Telegraphs (Working Expenses). ¶		Interest and Expenses. **	Redemption of Loans.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	759,221	184,316	251,351	67,128	89,988	53,435	572,372	277,181	1,559,552	18,368	228,561	506,268	70,034	1,852,056	...	64,777	27,441	2,082	108,313	6,692,444
New South Wales	759,037	240,542	332,824	278,846	74,928	66,430	716,594	333,651	1,844,418	91,680	742,280	700,904	84,531	2,312,419	129,300 ¹	51,225	57,151	?	253,180	9,069,940 ²
Queensland ...	306,102	82,879	176,563	65,892	74,082	35,907	237,985	157,520	684,566	3,336	135,135	312,254	...	1,324,333	...	54,799	57,580	1,261	37,234	3,747,428
Sth. Australia Proper	153,759	33,562	71,796	36,823	30,611	12,477	161,814	91,449	608,939	26,490	145,992	205,377	...	881,140	56,540	23,046	17,604	675	40,845	2,598,939
Do. N. Territory	6,104	...	7,710	426	4,135	6,388	235	1,761	20,310	439	2,647	4,894	...	87,294	4,165	3,406	932	...	1,174	152,020
Western Australia	159,807	23,534	109,799	75,263	13,548	91,317	49,147	126,371	852,648	52,646	787,125	289,474	26,857	292,325	45,938	36,951	27,361	8,590	188,211	3,256,912
Total ...	2,144,030	564,833	950,043	524,378	287,292	265,954	1,738,147	987,933	5,570,433	192,959	2,041,740	2,019,171	181,422	6,749,567	235,943	234,204	188,069	12,608	628,957	25,517,683
Tasmania ...	74,846	12,707	18,705	36,956	2,621	4,914	45,159	45,530	141,184	...	24,112	73,249	...	323,229	429	8,423	425	...	17,679	830,168
New Zealand ...	331,119	93,267	105,974	159,717	56,261	25,556	410,300	160,373	849,923	...	412,865	362,868	...	1,688,100	...	66,191	42,217	?	78,041	4,842,772 ³
Grand Total	2,549,995	670,807	1,074,722	721,051	346,174	296,424	2,193,606	1,193,836	6,561,540	192,959	2,478,717	2,455,288	181,422	8,760,896	236,372	308,818	230,711	12,608	724,677	31,190,623

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Expenditure incurred for—									Total Expenditure per Head.
	General Administration, Defences, and Police.	Crown Lands.	Public Instruction and Science.	Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c.	Public Works and Services.			Public Debt Charges.	All other.	
					Railways and Tramways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other.			
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria	14'10	3'15	8'55	4'14	23'30	7'56	3'69	27'67	7'84	5 13 10
New South Wales	11'02	4'63	7'90	3'68	20'34	7'73	9'19	26'92	8'59	6 17 1
Queensland	10'38	4'69	6'35	4'20	18'27	8'33	3'70	35'34	8'74	7 14 8
South Australia Proper	7'21	3'07	6'23	3'52	23'43	7'90	6'64	36'08	5'92	7 5 1
" " Northern Territory	4'02	7'20	1'15	1'16	13'36	3'22	2'03	60'16	8'70	31 10 9
Western Australia	5'63	5'53	1'51	3'88	26'18	8'89	25'78	10'39	12'21	20 2 3
Total	10'61	4'23	6'81	3'87	21'83	7'91	8'76	27'38	8'60	7 5 5
Tasmania	10'55	5'36	5'44	5'48	17'01	8'82	2'90	38'99	5'45	4 15 2
New Zealand	8'76	4'99	8'47	3'31	17'55	7'49	8'53	34'86	6'04	6 12 10
Grand Total	10'33	4'37	7'03	3'83	21'04	7'87	8'56	28'85	8'12	7 1 5

[For footnotes, see next page.]

NOTES.—GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

* For years to which the figures relate see footnote *, Table VIII.

† GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.—Consisting of cost of Legislature, Civil, Judicial, and Legal Establishments, and Gaols; also State aid to religion (if any); and all pensions payable out of the general revenue. The payments as State aid to religion were as follow:—£5,863 in New South Wales, and £175 in Tasmania. The amount for New South Wales does not include pensions and gratuities, to the extent of about £113,600, which was paid out of the Civil Service Superannuation Account, to which the officers contributed £25,305, or at the rate of 4 per cent. of salaries; the balance at credit of the fund at the end of the year was £386,912. The following items are also included:—*Patent and Copyright Offices*—Victoria, £2,474; New South Wales, £1,355 (£1896-7); Queensland, £1,560; South Australia, £504. *Insolvency* (Metropolitan Courts only)—Victoria, £2,800 (about); New South Wales, £2,309; Queensland, £2,401; South Australia, £2,242; Western Australia, £2,542. *Astronomer*—Victoria, £2,375; New South Wales, £3,995; Queensland, £1,356; South Australia, £192; Western Australia, £2,968, and Tasmania, £324.

‡ AGRICULTURE, ETC.—Including amounts paid towards the *Extermination of Rabbits*, wild dogs, and other vermin—£14,303 in Victoria, £34,467 in Queensland, and £153 in South Australia; towards the *Eradication of vine and other vegetable diseases*—£18,447 in Victoria and £1,778 in New South Wales; also *Advances* to distressed farmers for purchase of seed—Victoria, £2,602; New South Wales, £445. In the latter colony the total advanced in five years ended with 1897-8 was £20,334, of which £6,108 has been repaid. *Bonuses* were also granted to encourage the export of colonial products as follow:—£24,930 to dairying, agricultural, and wine and fruit industries in Victoria; £5,571 in South Australia proper, and £3,750 in Northern Territory (for export of cattle). The following payments on account of *Labour and Village Settlements* are also included:—£5,018 in Victoria, £34 in New South Wales, and £700 in South Australia.

§ WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.—In Victoria, the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage works is under the control of a Board of Works. See Table XVIII., *post*. In Queensland the expenditure on sewerage has not been included.

|| GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS.—Including capital expenditure (other than that from loans) on public works and buildings of all kinds—such as public offices, court-houses, gaols and police buildings, customs houses, roads and bridges, harbor, drainage and reclamation works, &c.; also *Endowments or Subsidies to Municipalities* as follow:—£100,000 in Victoria, £11,754 in New South Wales, £63,010 in Queensland, £93,523 in South Australia, £53,668 in Western Australia, £7,098 in Tasmania, and £70,262 in New Zealand.

¶ POST OFFICE, ETC.—Exclusive of cost of maintenance of Buildings, &c. (under “Public Works”).

** INTEREST, ETC., ON DEBT.—The amounts for New Zealand and New South Wales include contributions to the sinking fund. But in the case of New Zealand £69,600 proceeds of debentures issued to cover accretions of sinking fund, have been deducted. Interest on Treasury Bonds, &c., in aid of revenue included as follows:—Victoria, £24,363; New South Wales, £47,193; South Australia, £18,591; Tasmania (Local Stock), £23,000; New Zealand, £29,336.

†† PORTS AND HARBORS.—In Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand the principal ports, and in Tasmania light-houses also, are under the control of Trusts, the finances of which are given in Table XVIII., *post*. See also Table No. 14, in Appendix A., to the issue of these statistics for 1896.

‡‡ MISCELLANEOUS.—Including the following general items of interest:—*Expenditure on Immigration* (apart from loans)—£186 in New South Wales, £948 in Queensland; also on *Aborigines*—£5,452 in Victoria, £9,475 in New South Wales, £4,235 in Queensland, £4,963 in South Australia, £635 in Northern Territory. *Royal Mint Subsidy*—£20,000 in Victoria, £15,000 in New South Wales, and £4,470 in Western Australia. *Payments to Postal Department for Official Letters and Telegrams* in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia, as specified in Table XXXI., *post*. In New South Wales there are also included rates paid to municipalities and charges claimed by certain Departments of State for services rendered to other Departments generally—items which are not so included in the public accounts of Victoria, as follow:—Municipal rates on Government buildings, £11,040; Water and Sewerage rates on ditto, £9,000. Free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors, £15,000. The following *special items* are also included:—Victoria—Fire Brigades Act, £13,941; New South Wales—Government Labour Bureau and Relief of Unemployed, £8,862; Queensland—Labour Bureau, £7,195; South Australia—Expenses in connexion with Federal Convention, £6,571; Celebration of Queen's Diamond Jubilee, £1,449; New Zealand—Native expenditure (chiefly on native land courts and schools), £30,984, and Labour Department, £6,870.

¹ Including eighth instalment of £75,000 towards redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the “reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way” on railways. Amount paid in redemption of Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue—£150,000—is excluded.

² Net expenditure as far as possible, some book entries, however, are still included. An amount of £150,000 paid towards redemption of Treasury Bills is excluded.

Including £300,000 transferred to Public Works Fund.

ADDENDUM.—EXPENDITURE UNDER VARIOUS HEADS, 1898-9.

Items.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia		Western Australia.	New Zealand.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways (Working Expenses) ...	1,710,350	1,953,324	783,311	606,409	17,684	749,129	968,917
Post and Telegraphs... ..	506,829	694,862	328,463	208,059	5,327	237,262	388,546
Defences	197,934	247,079	94,403	32,405	...	17,370*	119,051
Public Instruction	608,229	750,119	275,714	156,952	317	56,949	475,218
Interest and charges on Public Debt† ...	1,875,398	2,262,214	1,326,963	882,191	66,417	426,760	1,767,468
All other services	2,115,966	3,495,546	1,236,040‡	746,824	55,029	1,051,888	1,564,311
Total	7,014,706	9,403,144§	4,044,894	2,632,840	144,774	2,539,358	5,283,511||

* Including Admiralty surveys, £407.

† Exclusive of amounts paid towards redemption of loans.

‡ Including £20,724 surplus revenue of 1897-8 transferred in 1898-9 to Trustees Public Debt Redemption Fund.

§ Exclusive of £150,000 for redemption of Treasury Bills.

|| Including £425,000 transferred to the "Public Works Fund."

TABLE XI.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS DURING THE YEAR 1897-8.

Name of Colony.	Railways and Tramways.	Telegraphs and Telephones	Water Supply.	Sewerage.	Harbors, Rivers, Light-houses, and Docks.	Roads and Bridges.	Defences.	Public Buildings.	Immigration.	Other Works and Services.*	Total.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	248,140	...	45,871	...	...	...	...	...	...	40,000	334,011
New South Wales ...	421,885	44,818	243,737	294,885	282,421	59,526	34,147	156,980	...	106,370	1,644,769
Queensland ...	626,974	36,101	7,598	...	11,717	70	3,875	12,274	9,926	228,531	937,066
South Australia ...	163,869	8,001	112,069	36,649	4,256	21,002	3,523	19,949	...	125,874	495,192
Western Australia ...	2,092,025	...	46,152	14,485	194,026	12,986	...	2,633	4,652	628,004	2,994,963
Total ...	3,552,893	88,920	455,427	346,019	492,420	93,584	41,545	191,836	14,578	1,128,779	6,406,001
Tasmania ...	41,769	4,243	...	...	6,598	50,475	604	15,001	...	11,567	130,257
New Zealand ...	258,651	21,616	...	...	3,895	227,715	7,621	54,133	51	261,130	834,812†
Grand Total	3,853,313	114,779	455,427	346,019	502,913	371,774	49,770	260,970	14,629	1,401,476	7,371,070

NOTE.—Expenditure towards the redemption of old loans is excluded. For periods to which the figures relate, see footnote * to Table VIII., ante. For Loan aggregate expenditure to date, see Table XIV., post.

* Including the following items:—

In Victoria—Advance to Beet Sugar Company, £40,000.

In New South Wales—Improvements Forest Reserves, £11,002; Charitable Institutions, £37,049; to promote Land Settlement, £41,258; Forest Reserves, £8,080; Local Land Office Sites and Buildings, £4,354.

In Queensland—Public Lands, £15,000; Loans to Local Bodies, &c., £209,148 (including £70,016 advanced to Sugar Mills, making a total to date of £360,000, repayable principal and interest by instalments).

In South Australia—Improvements Pastoral Leases, £87,829; Vermin-proof Fencing, £21,665; Village Settlements, Working Men's Blocks, Blockholders' Loans, £15,851. These are the gross amounts from which certain credits must be deducted, to obtain the net amount as shown in the table.

In Western Australia—Development of Gold Fields and Mining, £174,944; Development of Agriculture, £303,632; and Departmental, £106,616.

In New Zealand—Land Purchases, £174,163; Loans to Local Bodies, £69,170.

† According to the Loan Account, the expenditure was, £1,134,812, but as this included the expenditure of £300,000 transferred from the general revenue, the latter has been deducted, and the various items reduced *pro rata*.

ADDENDUM.—LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1898-9.

Name of Colony.	(1)	(2)	(3) and (4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10) a	(11)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	451,087	...	100,077	...	...	34,827	...	...	126,102	712,093
New South Wales ...	593,620	33,270	575,003	386,565	113,910	54,713	189,697	...	88,606	2,035,384
Queensland ...	648,828	34,569	18,236	37,003	29,325	13,342	47,497	18,849	207,138	1,054,787
South Australia ...	121,977	46,285	221,837	9,901	15,427	3,402	48,657	...	114,091	581,577
Western Australia ...	546,128	...	147,209	207,141	8,280	...	...	2,058	121,874	1,032,690
New Zealand ...	374,141	28,551	...	15,662	313,040	13,867	107,267	105	691,050	1,543,683

a Including the following items:—

Queensland—Loans to Local Bodies, £138,172 (including £48,356 advanced to Sugar Mills, making total to date of £408,356, repayable principal and interest by instalments); £24,556 for Purchase of Wire Netting; and £44,410 Endowment to Harbour Boards.

South Australia—Improvements Pastoral Leases, £35,129; Working Men's Blocks, Blockholders' Loans, Village Settlements, £14,093; Vermin-proof Fencing, £26,225; and Land Repurchase, £51,013.

New Zealand—Land Purchases, £546,600; Loans to Local Bodies, £96,749.

TABLE XII.—STATE FUNDED DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDS ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Debt.		Annual Interest.			Accumulated Sinking Fund.
	Amount.	Per Head.	Amount.	Average Rate.	Per Head.	
	£	£ s. d.	£	per cent.	£ s. d.	£
Victoria	48,354,277	41 1 9	1,851,686	3·83	1 11 6	114,631
New South Wales	61,572,831*	45 7 5	2,241,548	3·64	1 13 0	77,409
Queensland	33,598,414	66 2 9	1,274,244	3·79	2 10 2	...
South Australia	24,916,310	66 12 11	958,719	3·85	2 11 3	20,000
Western Australia	10,488,363	62 5 1	365,809	3·49	2 3 5	310,373
Total	178,930,195	49 18 5	6,692,006	3·74	1 17 4	522,413
Tasmania	7,721,220	43 3 9	294,106	3·81	1 12 11	156,960
Total Six Colonies	186,651,415	49 12 0	6,986,112	3·74	1 17 2	679,373
New Zealand	46,937,606	62 15 2	1,787,272	3·81	2 7 10	857,279
Grand Total	233,589,021	51 15 8	8,773,384	3·76	1 18 11	1,536,652

NOTE.—In cases where a Redemption Loan and the Loan to be redeemed by it are both current at the same time, one or the other has been omitted. The figures for New Zealand relate to the 31st March, 1899.

* Exclusive of £11,250 overdue debentures unrepresented.

TABLE XIII.—UNFUNDED DEBT (OR BORROWINGS NOT INCLUDED IN TABLE XIII.) ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Colony.	To Cover Deficiencies in—			Total.
	Consolidated Revenue.		Loan and Suspense Accounts.	
	Treasury Bills.	Advanced from Trust Funds, &c.	Advanced from Trust Funds.	
	£	£	£	£
Victoria	525,000	2,092,928	420,768	3,038,696
New South Wales	2,177,584	+ 116,523*	2,193,340	4,254,401
Queensland ... ..	...	+ 149,916*	2,167,834†	2,017,918
South Australia	500,000	28,671	...	528,671
Western Australia ... ..	...	247,350	...	247,350
Total	3,202,584	2,102,510	4,781,942	10,087,036
Tasmania ‡	838,355	...	...	838,355
New Zealand §	710,000	+ 70,861*	...	639,139
Grand Total	4,750,939	2,031,649	4,781,942	11,564,530

* The plus sign indicates revenue credit balance—not advances from Trust Fund—which forms a set-off to the Treasury Bills outstanding. In the case of New Zealand the balance has been reduced by £425,000 transferred to the Public Works Fund.

† Including £941,996 proceeds of Government Savings Bank Stock applied to the repurchase of debentures and Treasury Bills, less Stock repurchased by trustees.

‡ On 31st December, 1898, and including Local Inscribed Stock (of short currency) for revenue purposes, viz.:—£591,484.

§ On 31st March.

TABLE XIV.—STATE FUNDED DEBT.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS AND BALANCES
UNEXPENDED TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

(Exclusive of Loans finally paid off.)

Expenditure on—	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total Australasia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE-YIELDING WORKS.								
Railways and Tramways	35,991,025	39,372,498	18,914,724	12,186,673	6,485,125	3,610,763	15,390,000	131,951,808
Telegraphs and Telephones .. ..	..	996,473	867,925	879,455	269,308	120,712	829,000	3,962,873
Water Supply and Sewerage	7,377,704	8,506,802	843,504	4,068,464	249,960	..	..	21,046,434
Harbors, Rivers, Light-houses, and Docks	611,059	4,508,586	2,088,520	1,178,104	1,239,931	41,296	490,000	10,157,496
Total	43,980,788	53,384,359	22,714,673	18,312,696	8,244,324	3,772,771	16,709,000	167,118,611
ALL OTHER WORKS.								
Roads and Bridges	106,259	1,103,916	1,669,731	1,357,393	140,557	2,184,750 ^a	4,417,000	10,979,606
Defence Works	133,126	1,204,886	223,424	226,303	..	127,877	4,007,000 ^b	5,972,616
Public Buildings	850,138	2,513,585	980,953	953,484	63,876	649,274	3,736,000	9,747,310
Immigration .. ..	..	853,943	2,587,238	..	23,033	227,009	2,459,000	6,150,223
Other purposes*	1,131,689	1,073,700	2,136,412	2,552,739	1,040,221	576,873	13,973,006	22,485,140
Total expended	46,202,000	60,194,389	30,312,431	23,402,615	9,512,511	7,528,554	45,301,006	222,453,506
Unexpended	1,109,112	{ - 1,550,000 ^c + 78,102	{ - 600,000 ^d 1,645,87 ^e	{ 698,033	688,373	77,174	..	2,146,631
Total Proceeds of Loans	47,311,112	58,722,491	31,358,268	24,100,648	10,200,884	7,605,728	45,301,006	224,600,137
Expenses of Floating, Discounts, &c. ..	1,043,165	2,850,340	2,240,146	815,662	287,479	115,492	1,637,000	8,980,284
Total Debt	48,354,277	61,572,831	33,598,414	24,916,310	10,488,363	7,721,220	46,938,006	233,589,421

NOTE.—The following loans to Local Bodies, &c., are included in the foregoing table, under the respective headings shown :—

LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES, ETC.

Purposes.	Victoria.	Queensland.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.
	£	£	£	£
Tramways	198,683	20,016	..	..
Waterworks	4,997,341	783,272	76,850 ^f	600,000
Harbors, &c. .. ..	..	150,766	24,139	..
Roads and Bridges	37,500	526,826	6,200	615,500
Other Public Works—Buildings .. ..	..	..	1,300	..
Other Purposes—				
Mining Companies .. ..	..	13,706	..	..
Sugar Companies	62,000	478,361	..	..
Miscellaneous .. ..	..	166,450	..	..
Total	5,295,524	2,139,397	108,489	1,215,500

* Including the following amounts:—In Victoria, £1,064,595 expended on schools; South Australia, £1,006,936 for revenue deficiencies, about £6,000 on general public works for the Northern Territory, and £914,148 paid to lessees for improvements on pastoral leases; in Queensland, £1,455,803 for revenue deficiencies, £18,135 on schools, and £478,362 loans to sugar companies; in Western Australia, over £300,000 on the development of mineral resources; in Tasmania, £100,000, State aid to religion; in New Zealand, £3,542,000 for land purchases (partly from the Maoris), £721,000 on mining, £2,000,000 for advances to settlers, £500,000 for Bank of New Zealand preference shares, £386,000 for New Zealand Consols Deposits, and £786,000 to cover old provincial liabilities. Including also premiums on loans, which in some colonies are paid into the consolidated revenue; the amounts are, however, of small importance.

^a Portion of the expenditure on Harbors, &c., is included with that for Roads and Bridges.

^b Including £2,357,000 towards cost of the Maori War.

^c Deficit covered by a temporary advance of £1,500,000 from the Trust funds.

^d Apparent overdraft; if so the cash balance—shown in the next line—would be reduced accordingly.

^e Of this amount, about £1,243,000 consists of suspended deposits in the Queensland National and other Queensland banks.

^f Of which £35,000 was for light and water.

TABLE XV.—STATE FUNDED DEBT—INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL—30TH JUNE, 1899.

Name of Colony.	Loans repayable in—								Total Debt Outstanding.
	London.				Australasia.				
	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills in aid of Public Works.*	Total.	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills in aid of Public Works.*	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	9,651,200	34,512,800	500,000	44,664,000	809,795	2,790,482	90,000	3,690,277	48,354,277
New South Wales ...	9,528,050	44,512,500	...	54,040,550	579,750	6,952,531	...	7,532,281	61,572,831
Queensland	9,810,100	22,064,034	...	31,874,134	1,724,280	...	...	1,724,280	33,598,414
South Australia ...	9,883,500	12,885,400	...	22,768,900	...	1,903,910	243,500	2,147,410	24,916,310
Western Australia ...	393,138	8,448,595	750,000	9,591,733	83,000	13,630	800,000	896,630	10,488,363
Total ...	39,265,988	122,423,329	1,250,000	162,939,317	3,196,825	11,660,553	1,133,500	15,990,878	178,930,195
Tasmania	3,023,750	4,456,500	...	7,480,250	240,970	...	...	240,970	7,721,220
New Zealand	1,956,800	40,973,589	...	42,930,389	3,621,292	385,925	...	4,007,217	46,937,606
Grand Total	44,246,538	167,853,418	1,250,000	213,349,956	7,059,087	12,046,478	1,133,500	20,239,065	233,589,021

* Included with Funded Debt, as they will, as opportunity offers, be replaced by Debentures or Stock.

TABLE XVI.—RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS OUTSTANDING, 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Amount of Loans Bearing Interest at—								Total.
	6%	5½%	5%	4½%	4%	3½%	3%	Other Rates.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	...	...	...	5,000,000	26,310,795	12,590,000	4,453,482	...	48,354,277
New South Wales ...	92,000	4,500	1,708,000	3,700	21,065,439	29,326,200	9,372,992	...	61,572,831
Queensland ...	...	...	...	...	21,384,300	10,489,634	1,724,480	...	33,598,414
South Australia ...	726,200	...	290,000	243,500 ¹	16,302,400	3,363,000	3,991,210	...	24,916,310
Western Australia	32,500	...	83,100	79,700	4,082,960	1,263,630	4,875,473	3½% 71,000	10,488,363
Total ...	850,700	4,500	2,081,100	5,326,900	89,145,894	57,032,464	24,417,637	71,000	178,930,195
Tasmania ...	127,100	...	100	...	4,136,820	3,457,200	...	...	7,721,220
New Zealand ...	56,000	...	807,200	265,402	31,146,402	8,651,482	5,662,120	3½% 349,000	46,937,606
Grand Total	1,033,800	4,500	2,888,400	5,592,302	124,429,116	69,141,146	30,079,757	420,000	233,589,021

NOTE.—*Expenses of Paying Interest.*—The charges for paying interest in London consist of exchange on remittances, averaging about '67 (13s. 5d.) per cent.; also, in the case of debenture loans, a commission of ½ per cent. on the interest payable, except South Australia, which transacts the business free of charge in the office of the Agent-General; or, in the case of inscribed loans, an annual charge on the amount of debt inscribed for inscription and management. The average annual charge for such inscription, &c., was as follows in the colonies named:—Victoria, £250 per million; New South Wales, £428; Queensland, £457; South Australia, about £100 (business probably transacted by Agent-General); New Zealand, £436.

¹ Exact rate, £4 11s. 3d. per £100 in this case.

TABLE XVII.—DUE DATES AND RATES OF INTEREST ON STATE LOANS ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

When Repayable.	Amounts Outstanding at each Rate of Interest in—												
	Victoria.			Queensland.			Western Australia.				Tasmania.		
	4 per cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.*	Total.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other Rates...	Total.	4 per cent.	Other Rates.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1899 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	800,000	...	...	800,000	...	...	...
1900 ...	...	(3½ %) 590,000	590,000	...	...	...	250,000	...	...	250,000	7,220	(6 %) { ...	31,220
1901 ...	3,000,000	...	3,000,000	...	...	...	...	500,000	(6 %) 32,500	532,500	...	{ 24,000	100,000
1902 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(5 %) 34,000	34,000	28,100	3,100	31,200
1903 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(5 %) 31,500	31,500	55,680	...	55,680
1904 ...	457,000	(4½ %) 5,000,000	5,457,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,870	...	21,870
1905 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(5 %) 17,600	17,600	10,400	(5 %) 100	10,500
1907 ...	4,000,000	...	4,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1908 ...	2,000,000	...	2,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300,000	...	300,000
1910 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,630	...	13,630	...	...	...
1911 ...	2,107,000(15)	...	2,107,000	...	...	...	1,876,000(20)	...	...	1,876,000	1,000,000	...	1,000,000
1912 ...	...	(3 %) 63,000(10)	63,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913 ...	{ 746,795(10)	{ ...	4,746,795	1,466,500	...	1,466,500	...	...	...	...	545,950	(3½ %) 700	546,650
1914 ...	4,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	800,000	...	800,000
1915 ...	...	...	...	11,728,800	...	11,728,800	...	750,000(20)	(3%) 2,750,000(20)	3,500,000	...	...	...
1916 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3%) 1,100,000(20)	1,100,000	...	...	...
1917 ...	...	(3%) 2,790,482	2,790,482	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1919 ...	4,000,000	...	4,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1920 ...	6,000,000	...	6,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ 300,000	(3½ %) 3,456,500(20)	4,756,500
											1,000,000(20)		
1921 ...	...	(3½ %) 5,000,000(5)	5,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1922 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,065	...	...	19,065	...	...	...
1923 ...	...	(3½ %) 7,000,000	7,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 25,473	25,473	...	...	...
1924 ...	...	...	...	8,189,000	4,784,834	12,973,834	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1926 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67,600	...	67,600
1927 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3%) 1,000,000	1,000,000	...	...	...
1929 ...	...	(3 %) 1,600,000(20)	1,600,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1930 ...	...	...	...	...	3,704,800	3,704,800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1934 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	972,595	...	...	972,595	...	...	...
1945 ...	...	...	...	...	2,000,000	2,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1947 ...	...	...	...	...	(3%) 1,724,480	1,724,480	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annual Drawings / Indefinite	...	...	...	...	...	...	165,300	...	(4½ %) 79,700	245,000	...	...	...
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3¼ %) 71,000	71,000	...	...	...
Total ...	26,310,795	22,043,482	48,354,277	21,384,300	12,214,114	33,598,414	4,082,960	1,263,630	5,141,773	10,488,363	4,136,820	3,584,400	7,721,220

TABLE XVII.—DUE DATES AND RATES OF INTEREST ON STATE LOANS ON 30TH JUNE, 1899—continued.

When Repayable.	Amounts outstanding at each Rate of Interest in—																
	New South Wales.					South Australia.					New Zealand (31st March, 1899).						
	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4½ per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other Rates.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1899 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1900 ...	857,100	...	...	(5½ %) 4,500	861,600	60,000	...	...	(£4 11s. 3d. %) 243,500	303,500	...	56,700	212,502	134,100	605,990	...	1,009,292
1901 ...	390,900	...	...	(6 %) 30,000	420,900	67,300	...	...	...	67,300	...	...	...	...	327,100	...	327,100
1902 ...	399,300	...	...	(6 %) 59,700	459,000	65,000	...	...	...	65,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1903 ...	...	1,000,000	...	(4½ %) 3,700	1,003,700	65,000	...	...	...	65,000	...	...	...	...	250,000	...	250,000
1904 ...	58,000	...	...	...	58,000	37,500	25,000	...	...	62,500	...	...	...	...	100,000	...	100,000
1905 ...	...	901,500	...	(6 %) 2,300	903,800	47,500	25,000	...	...	72,500	...	...	...	...	150,000	...	150,000
1906 ...	...	224,900	...	...	224,900	37,500	...	...	...	37,500	...	...	...	97,100	54,300	...	151,400
1907 ...	...	...	...	...	...	37,500	...	1,000,000	...	1,037,500	...	...	...	...	(14) 500,000	...	1,500,000
1908 ...	...	1,450,000	...	...	1,450,000	11,000	...	1,940,100	...	1,951,100	...	...	...	283,000	117,000	...	400,000
1909 ...	...	1,799,500	...	...	1,799,500	28,100	...	3,094,600	...	3,122,700	40,000	...	...	...	...	(3½ %) 349,000	389,000
1910 ...	...	2,863,700	...	...	2,863,700	60,300	...	...	...	60,300	...	...	25,000	...	385,925	...	410,925
1911 ...	...	...	...	...	...	18,300	50,000	...	...	68,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1912 ...	...	2,609,350	...	(3 %) 3,232,622	5,841,972	35,000	50,000	...	...	85,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913 ...	...	...	...	...	...	46,300	...	...	...	46,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1914 ...	...	...	...	...	...	35,000	...	...	...	35,000	...	321,500	...	469,600	...	...	497,500
1915 ...	...	...	...	...	...	25,000	10,000	...	...	35,000	3,800	...	...	12,300	...	...	333,800
1916 ...	...	...	...	...	...	20,000	26,000	{ 1,917,300 1,560,400(19) }	(3 %) 3,151,710	6,675,410	12,200	...	...	...	...	...	3,800
1917 ...	...	...	...	...	...	20,000	26,000	{ 2,182,400(19) 1,317,800 }	...	3,546,200	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,200
1918 ...	...	...	12,826,200	...	12,826,200	9,900	26,000	1,438,500	...	1,474,400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1919-20...	...	...	...	{ (1919) (3) 220,050 }	{ 220,050 }	...	{ 26,000 (1919) (1920) 26,000 }	...	{ (3½ %, 1920) 310,300 }	362,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1924 ...	...	...	16,500,000	{ (3) { 198,065 222,255 }	16,698,065	...	...	1,651,300	...	1,651,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1925 ...	...	...	...	...	222,255	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1926 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 839,500	839,500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1929-45...	...	{ (1933) 9,686,300 }	...	{ (3 %, 1935) 5,500,000 }	15,186,300	...	...	{ (1929) 200,000 }	{ (3½ %, 1939) 3,052,700† }	3,252,700	...	...	...	{ (1929) 29,150,302 }	{ (1940) 6,161,167 }	{ (3 %, 1945) 5,662,120 }	40,973,589
Annual Drawings }	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	429,000	...	...	...	...	429,000
Indefinite	2,700	530,189	...	...	532,889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,708,000	21,065,439	29,326,200	9,473,192	61,572,831	726,200	290,000	16,302,400	7,597,710	24,916,310	56,000	807,200	265,402	31,146,402	8,651,482	6,011,120	46,937,606

NOTE.—The earliest date of repayment is given in all cases. When it is optional to continue the loan for a further term of years, without redemption, such period is shown in brackets after the amount. When the term is indefinite the sign § appears.—* Excepting one case of 3 per cents., as indicated.—† Including £332,900 due in 1936.—‡ Assumed to be 3½ per cent. The interest payable is ¼ per cent. over the Bank rate, which of course is constantly varying.

TABLE XVIIA.—SUMMARY FOR AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.

Earliest year when repayable.	Amount at each rate of interest.					Total.	Earliest year when repayable.	Amount at each rate of interest.					Total.
	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other (as indicated).			6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other (as indicated).	
	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
1899 ...	...	...	800,000	...	...	800,000	1918 ...	9,900	26,000	1,438,500	12,826,200	...	14,300,600
1900 ...	84,000	857,100	257,220	590,000	{ (£4/11/3) 243,500 } { (5½ %) 4,500 }	2,036,320	1919 ...	...	26,000	4,000,000	...	(3 %) 220,050	4,246,050
1901 ...	229,800	390,900	3,000,000	500,000	...	4,120,700	1920 ...	...	26,000	7,300,000	3,766,800	...	11,092,800
1902 ...	127,800	433,300	28,100	...	...	589,200	1921 ...	...	...	...	5,000,000	...	5,000,000
1903 ...	65,000	31,500	1,055,680	...	(4½ %) 3,700	1,155,880	1922 ...	...	...	19,065	...	...	19,065
1904 ...	37,500	83,000	478,870	...	(4½ %) 5,000,000	5,599,370	1923 ...	...	...	...	7,000,000	(3 %) 25,473	7,025,473
1905 ...	49,800	42,700	911,900	...	...	1,004,400	1924 ...	...	...	9,840,300	21,284,834	(3 %) 198,065	31,323,199
1906 ...	37,500	...	224,900	...	...	262,400	1925 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 222,255	222,255
1907 ...	37,500	...	5,000,000	...	...	5,037,500	1926 ...	...	...	67,600	...	(3 %) 839,500	907,100
1908 ...	11,000	...	5,690,100	...	...	5,701,100	1927 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 1,000,000	1,000,000
1909 ...	28,100	...	4,894,100	...	...	4,922,200	1929 ...	...	...	200,000	...	(3 %) 1,600,000	1,800,000
1910 ...	60,300	...	2,863,700	13,630	...	2,937,630	1930 ...	...	...	...	3,704,800	...	3,704,800
1911 ...	18,300	50,000	4,983,000	...	...	5,051,300	1933 ...	...	...	9,686,300	...	...	9,686,300
1912 ...	35,000	50,000	2,609,350	...	(3 %) 3,295,622	5,989,972	1934 ...	...	...	972,595	...	...	972,595
1913 ...	46,300	...	6,759,245	700	...	6,806,245	1935 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 5,500,000	5,500,000
1914 ...	35,000	...	800,000	...	...	835,000	1936 ...	...	...	...	332,900	...	332,900
1915 ...	25,000	10,000	11,728,800	750,000	(3 %) 2,750,000	15,263,800	1939 ...	...	...	...	2,719,800	...	2,719,800
1916 ...	20,000	26,000	3,477,700	...	(3 %) 4,251,710	7,775,410	1945 ...	...	...	...	2,000,000	...	2,000,000
1917 ...	20,000	26,000	3,500,200	...	(3 %) 2,790,482	6,336,682	1947 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 1,724,480	1,724,480
							Annual drawing...	...	...	165,300	...	(4½ %) 79,700	245,000
							Indefinite	...	2,700	530,189	...	(3¼ %) 71,000	603,889
							Total debt	977,800	2,081,200	93,282,714	60,489,664	{ (5½ %) 4,500 } { (4½ %) 5,083,400 } { (3¼ %) 71,000 } { (3 %) 24,417,637 } { (4/11/3) 243,500 }	186,651,415

NOTE.—The loans of New Zealand have not been included in this table. For particulars, see preceding page.

TABLE XVIII.—FINANCES OF LOCAL BODIES OR CORPORATIONS, 1898.

Name of Colony.		Municipalities.												
		No.	Area.		Population.		Revenue (exclusive of Loans).				Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.*	
			Acres. (ooo's omitted.)	Percentage of whole Colony.	Number. (ooo's omitted.)	Percentage of Total Population.	From Government.	Raised by Local Taxation.	From other Sources.	Total.	Ordinary.	From Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.
						£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Victoria ...	...	208	55,886,	99·36	1,163,	98·98	92,328	832,489	175,516	1,100,333	1,133,798	39,241	449,050	3,536,264
New South Wales ...	...	184	1,769,	90	777,	57·73	94,870	465,421	160,604	720,895	838,868	...	...	2,727,569 ²
Queensland ...	...	153	427,681,	99·96	451,	90·40	73,859	239,391	73,707	386,957	506,137 ¹	(?)	476,515	(?)
South Australia ...	...	174	27,190,	11·18	(?)	...	25,750	132,892	107,476	266,118	272,735 ¹	(?)	(?)	(?)
Total ...	...	719	512,526,	55·52	...	...	286,807	1,670,193	517,303	2,474,303	2,751,538	...	...	...
Tasmania ...	...	140	7,150,	42·62	(?)	...	12,281	89,225	33,186	134,692	147,012	(?)	42,500	469,652
New Zealand ...	...	182 ³	65,361,	97·76	703,	94·60	172,006	618,221	282,234	1,072,461 ⁴	1,230,199 ¹	(?)	789,965	2,895,547
Grand Total ...	...	1,041	585,037,	58·11	...	...	471,094	2,377,639	832,723	3,681,456	4,128,749	...	...	...

Name of Colony.		Harbor and River Trusts or Boards.					City Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage.						
		Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.†	Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.		
				Ordinary.	From Loans.				Ordinary.	From Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	
			£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	...	1	132,948	137,909	...	2,000,000	1	168,553	281,421 ⁵	439,969	2,359,157	3,893,580
Queensland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	53,040	55,486 ¹	(?)	476,005	...
Total ...	...	1	132,948	137,909	...	2,000,000	2	221,593	336,907	...	2,835,162	3,893,580
Tasmania ...	...	7	39,531	33,114	...	44,139	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand ...	...	54	409,668	397,415	88,986	3,846,507	1	18,891	20,039	...	...	200,000
Grand Total ...	...	62	582,147	568,438	88,986	5,890,646	3	240,484	356,946	...	2,835,162	4,093,580

NOTE.—The figures relate usually to financial years terminating at various dates in 1898. There may be other local bodies in the various colonies; but the above are all, with the exceptions next referred to, respecting which particulars are available. Of corporations, not taken into account, there are Fire Boards (2) in Victoria and (30) in New South Wales, which derive their income secondhand from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies; some of them have, however, raised independent loans, amounting in Victoria to £130,000. In *Victoria*, moreover, there are Waterworks, Irrigation, and Water Supply, and Country Tramways Trusts, which usually construct their works by means of moneys advanced from the Government Loan account, and have the power of levying rates locally to cover charges for maintenance, interest, and sinking fund; also a Metropolitan Tramways Trust, which borrowed £1,650,000 for the construction of tramways, leased to a public company; but as, although the debt is guaranteed by the municipalities, the company is responsible to the Trust for the payment of interest and principal, the Trust's finances are rather of a private, than a public, character. In *New South Wales* there are also the Metropolitan and Hunter River District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, but these are not shown in the above table as their accounts are included in the Public Accounts; in 1897–8 the former had a revenue of £178,881, an annual expenditure of £196,264, and loans outstanding £3,950,161; whilst the latter had a revenue of £25,646, an expenditure of £20,699, and a debt of about £510,414. In *Queensland* there were in 1898 twelve Waterworks Boards whose revenue (exclusive of loans), chiefly derived from rates and the sale of water, was £48,894 (excluding £6,750 loan from Government), ordinary expenditure £36,077, and capital expenditure £28,629; they had, moreover, loans outstanding (advanced from Government loans) amounting to £309,727. In *Tasmania* there were also twelve Water Trusts with a revenue of £4,673, and an expenditure of £4,029. In *New Zealand* there were also eight Land Drainage Districts, one Water Supply District, with revenues respectively of £3,306 and £2,171; and expenditures of £6,080 and £5,855; also loans (exclusive of Government loans), £21,200.

* The information relating to the municipal loans of South Australia was not available. As against the loans, there were sinking funds as follow:—Victoria, £579,639 (£24,744 on account of Government loans); New South Wales, £256,742; Tasmania, £46,289; New Zealand, £335,739. —† As against these loans were the following amounts at credit of sinking funds:—Tasmania, £6,340; New Zealand, £285,023.

¹ Including expenditure from loans. — ² Including Government loans. — ³ Boroughs and counties, but contained within the counties were 274 Town Districts and Road Districts. — ⁴ Exclusive of £271,535 other receipts (not revenue) consisting of loans, special grants from Government, and subscriptions for ordinary and special works. — ⁵ Including £93,701 interest paid on account of Government loans.

TABLE XIX.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Value of Imports.				Value of Exports.				Value of Exports of Home Production.
	From the United Kingdom.*	From the Australasian Colonies.	From other Countries.	Total.	To the United Kingdom.*	To the Australasian Colonies.	To other Countries.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	6,195,134	7,670,126	2,903,644	16,768,904	6,740,420	6,642,230	2,489,596	15,872,246	11,778,883
New South Wales	7,744,418	12,467,059	4,242,083	24,453,560	7,734,880	8,675,199	11,238,038	27,648,117	17,727,067
Queensland ...	2,559,244	2,757,981	690,041	6,007,266	4,352,067	6,269,090	234,970	10,856,127	10,482,668
South Australia Proper ...	1,974,818	3,348,622	861,365	6,184,805	2,306,202	3,332,286	1,157,286	6,795,774	2,487,009
Do., Northern Territory ...	11,822	67,255	34,883	113,960	27,574	140,316	14,706	182,596	179,823
Western Australia	2,051,872	2,743,761	446,332	5,241,965	2,293,652	2,462,961	203,393	4,960,006	4,820,420
Total ...	20,537,308	29,054,804	9,178,348	58,770,460	23,454,795	27,522,082	15,337,989	66,314,866	47,475,870
Tasmania ..	465,544	1,126,826	57,648	1,650,018	431,518	1,349,092	22,759	1,803,369	1,720,697
New Zealand ...	5,148,833	1,158,865	1,922,902	8,230,600	8,265,499	1,475,157	777,299	10,517,955	10,324,988
Grand Total...	26,151,685	31,340,495	11,158,898	68,651,078	32,151,812	30,346,331	16,138,047	78,636,190	59,521,555

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Imports from—			Proportion of Total Exports to—			Value per Head of—†		Exports of Home Produce.	
	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	Imports.	Exports.	Value per Head.†	Percentage of Total Exports.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria ...	36·95	45·74	17·31	42·46	41·85	15·69	14 5 11	13 10 8	10 0 10	74·21
New South Wales	31·67	50·98	17·35	27·98	31·38	40·64	18 6 5	20 14 3	13 5 7	64·12
Queensland ...	42·60	45·91	11·49	40·09	57·75	2·16	12 3 11	22 0 9	21 5 7	96·56
South Australia Proper ...	31·93	54·14	13·93	33·94	49·03	17·03	17 5 6	18 19 7	6 18 11	36·60
Do., Northern Territory ...	10·38	59·01	30·61	15·10	76·85	8·05	23 4 9	37 4 8	36 13 4	98·48
Western Australia	39·14	52·34	8·52	46·24	49·66	4·10	30 19 4	29 6 1	28 9 7	97·19
Total ...	34·94	49·44	15·62	35·37	41·50	23·13	16 12 9	18 15 5	13 8 9	71·59
Tasmania ...	28·21	68·30	3·49	23·93	74·81	1·26	9 9 1	10 6 8	9 17 2	95·42
New Zealand ...	62·56	14·08	23·36	78·58	14·03	7·39	11 3 7	14 5 9	14 0 6	98·17
Grand Total ...	38·10	45·65	16·25	40·89	38·59	20·52	15 9 0	17 13 11	13 7 11	75·69

NOTE.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports are over-valued in most of the colonies. The following is the information for 1899, so far as available:—*Imports*—Victoria, £17,952,894; New South Wales, £25,594,115; South Australia, £6,884,357; Western Australia, £4,473,532; Tasmania, £1,769,324; New Zealand, £8,739,633. *Exports*—Victoria, £18,567,780; New South Wales, £28,445,466; South Australia, £8,388,396; Western Australia, £6,985,642; Tasmania, £2,577,475; New Zealand, £11,938,335.

* It is believed that the real origin of a considerable proportion of these imports is not the United Kingdom but the Continent of Europe; and in like manner the ultimate destination of a large proportion of the exports to the United Kingdom is probably the same.

† In calculating these results the mean populations shown in the second-last column of Table I. have been used.

TABLE XX.—IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1898.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
I.—FIT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION.									
<i>(a) Natural Products.</i>									
Foods—									
Live Stock—Cattle ...	237,458	637,605	42,311	111,982	780	174,950	19,006	2,191	1,226,283
„ Sheep ...	332,628	227,329	107,274	78,711	159	63,954	43,855	1,994	855,904
„ Pigs ...	5,970	5,111	224	2,229	...	11,867	258	111	25,770
Meats—Fresh or Salted— (Beef, Mutton, and Pork)	809	5,259	23	31	3	17,042	4,800	...	61,759
„ Frozen or Chilled— (Chiefly Mutton) ...	33,371	421	...						
Fish—Dried, Fresh, Preserved, Salted, and Frozen ...	126,454	139,085	35,894	27,738	806	26,470	480	31,638	388,565
Grain—Oats ...	807	101,800	18,027	2,695	564	81,878	18	53	205,842
„ Rice ...	81,187	94,856	50,979	14,651	6,214	16,897	6,613	43,366	314,763
„ Beans and Peas ...	2,851	12,829	3,924	974	40	2,071	319	627	23,635
Fruit—Fresh, and Nuts of all sorts ...	95,909	216,273	72,027	30,886	496	19,409	17,510	107,370	559,880
Onions ...	519	42,679	23,052	765	328	11,887	919	5,014	85,163
Potatoes ...	51,608	216,333	70,006	36,513	731	69,430	134	477	445,232
Tea ...	300,940	344,693	121,183	82,162	1,317	65,417	39,358	183,717	1,138,787
For Transport—Horses ...	155,945	103,509	9,935	5,393	...	6,837	946	13,330	295,895
Animal and Vegetable Substances—									
Manures (including Guano and Bone-dust) ...	45,048	22,338	2,276	36,734	19	16,218	25,398	112,846	260,877
Hay and Chaff ...	6,425	205,794	29,156	404	591	9,650	...	...	252,020
Heat, Light, and Energy—Coal ...	257,688	597	19,825	224,359	247	84,246	10,984	105,223	703,169
<i>(b) Manufactured Articles.</i>									
Foods—									
Meats—Canned—(Beef and Mutton) ...	22,602	81,182	4,037	5,183	1,300	66,294	8,791	1,899	191,288
Bacon and Hams ...	863	37,857	899	9,102	483	78,935	2,271	263	130,673
Butter ...	65,610	65,228	1,507	36,917	1,044	195,467	37,246	4,035	407,054
Milk—Condensed and Preserved	13,579	71,058	24,001	16,341	526	73,198	...	12,731	211,434
Wheaten Flour and Biscuits ...	20,234	216,626	380,143	4,321	5,041	167,191	1,457	5,677	800,690
Oatmeal ...	2,102	26,532	13,879	16,237	72	11,747	60	...	70,629
Sugar—Refined ...	267,813	10,268	497	288,830	2,375	114,985	98,293	137,619	920,680
Fruits—Dried Currants and Raisins ...	53,341	99,192	39,097	34,977	417	12,977	9,508	66,966	316,475
„ Canned and Bottled ...	4,049	1,428	5,389	1,723	2	30,474	242	12,166	55,473
„ Jams, Jellies, and Preserves	1,841	36,735	5,776	9,130	912	47,026	375	7,503	109,298
Coffee—Ground and Essence ...	4,702	2,487	4,226	600	237	846	1,818	5,286	20,202
Cocoa and Chocolate ...	31,681	61,730	18,031	20,325	85	9,172	5,180	26,412	172,616
Stimulants—Spirits ...	255,024	421,168	152,718	77,317	3,514	103,363	23,432	179,765	1,216,301
„ Wine ...	50,990	59,668	24,453	9,982	1,132	30,082	7,509	48,514	232,330
„ Beer, Cider, and Perry ...	103,467	250,201	75,687	37,521	2,011	95,509	10,581	37,844	612,821
Narcotics—Tobacco, manufac- tured, and Snuff	113,704	105,207	52,087	28,166	3,099	49,861	22,845	105,795	480,764
„ Cigars and Cigarettes	56,292	126,710	28,550	16,862	438	37,326	10,110	53,219	329,507
„ Opium ...	17,055	28,156	35,326	823	9,491	2,495	726	4,723	98,795
Salt, Refined ...	10,319	44,215	30,938	389	241	2,533	2,266	22,773	113,674
Textile Fabrics and Dress—									
Textiles—									
Wool and Worsted Manufac- tures ...	18,452	459,539	††	††	††	*	*	††	477,991
Blankets ...	31,070	49,564	16,800	12,633	294	11,411	*	14,438	136,210
Cotton and Linen Manufac- tures ...	202,816	*	†	†	†	*	*	13,169	215,985
Carpets and Rugs ...	58,901	53,482	6,012	14,869	132	16,174	8,515	40,504	198,589
Silk Manufactures ...	92,901	100,420	2,076	*	*	*	*	80,020	275,417
Bags and Sacks (including Woolpacks) ...	145,295	221,463	62,209	70,710	44	25,802	27,531	137,641	690,695
Dress—									
Hosiery ...	143,697	900,218	43,684	47,256	*	*	*	75,736	2,211,442
Apparel and Slops ...	176,538								
Hats, Caps, and Bonnets ...	54,296	176,980	65,042	38,030	*	18,400	*	355,072	419,164
Gloves ...	88,063	84,654	19,447	*	*	*	*	*	192,164
Boots and Shoes ...	34,422	316,650	49,355	56,478	1,684	79,764	32,908	130,912	702,173
All other kinds and unenum- erated (including Drapery and Haberdashery) ...	421,424	1,794,276	255,823	231,122	2,598	290,955	326,179	468,136	3,790,513
Total Textile Fabrics and Dress, Manufactured ...	1,467,875	4,157,246	653,615	595,891	7,121	651,418	395,133	1,382,044	9,310,343
Building Materials—									
Timber, Dressed ...	138,635	106,587	4,812	153,238	700	25,905	14,979	8,134	452,990
Cement ...	28,123	83,716	28,685	3,746	289	19,378	6,397	41,221	211,555
For Transportation—									
Railway and Tramway Material (for use of Government, &c.)	89,911	167,839	88,104	3,632	20	382,904	47,923	100,389	880,722
Bicycles and Tricycles ...	67,057	126,138	23,230	31,315	...	34,702	...	76,205	358,647
Anchors ...	1	1,404	1,387	61	42	392	...	376	3,663
Vegetable Matters—									
Paper of all kinds ...	261,842	263,331	64,861	51,560	153	32,700	18,977	133,901	827,325
Derived from Fats, Oils, &c.—									
Soap ...	19,119	90,221	8,569	6,760	306	15,976	3,863	24,475	169,289
Candles ...	5,967	53,837	2,012	5,152	470	2,994	2,508	26,719	99,659

[See following page for notes.]

TABLE XX.—IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1898—continued.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
Metal Manufactures—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Machinery, Tools, and Implements† ...	364,373	854,260	301,090	165,887	6,346	476,594	161,284	588,236	2,918,070
Iron—Bedsteads ...	††	29,278	††	2,867	51	4,383	††	††	36,579
„ Castings (Fire-bars, &c.) ...	215	11,166	639	1,950	12	648	††	1,411	16,041
„ Grates and Stoves ...	††	††	††	3,686	80	4,535	††	††	8,301
„ Tanks ...	5,263	17,617	6,331	6,210	30	12,915	††	8,559	56,925
„ Wire, Barbed Wire, and Wire Netting ...	127,130	148,936	92,000	76,789	111	25,635	12,077	139,066	621,744
„ Safes and Doors ...	††	8,307	††	315	25	3,414	††	††	12,061
Hardware and Ironmongery (including Hollowware) ...	357,547	423,475	212,641	115,568	1,108	74,807	59,093	298,997	1,543,236
Precious Metals—									
Gold—Bullion ...	2,617,434	1,913,267	23,125	300	...	213	...	...	4,554,339
„ Specie ...	7,559	3,664,796	260,100	800	9,100	135,000	2,009	18,185	4,097,549
Silver—Bullion ...	1,347	996	75	37	...	206	...	96	2,757
„ Specie ...	68,848	57,202	10,968	8,400	900	210	11,715	176	158,419
Ceramics—Porcelain, Chinaware, and Earthenware ...	66,353	98,678	28,163	19,699	147	14,502	15,604	55,554	298,700
„ Glass and Glassware ...	74,777	91,097	24,118	21,965	238	17,348	8,623	87,912	326,078
Heat, Light, and Energy—									
Coke and Charcoal ...	3,221	13,824	238	85,741	40	8,867	12,070	4,968	128,969
Kerosene Oil ...	147,676	112,738	65,991	33,696	888	25,055	10,563	90,525	487,132
Literature, &c.—									
Books, Printed, and Periodicals	178,502	151,323	61,388	42,367	331	28,520	32,239	109,961	604,631
Stationery ...	40,810	145,136	38,112	41,225	608	33,754	598	98,469	398,712
Miscellaneous—									
Government and Military Stores	59,471	12,562	129,220	51,589	8,428	104,973	20,212	...	386,455
II.—REQUIRING FURTHER MANUFACTURE.									
<i>(a) Raw Materials.</i>									
Foodstuffs—									
Grain—Wheat ...	117,572	87,556	64,845	7,086	43	56,906	11	11,967	345,986
Sugar—Raw ...	400,880	765,268	2,039	2,816	...	313	415	287,651	1,459,382
Coffee—Raw ...	28,631	23,772	3,076	9,621	17	4,609	1,310	11,190	82,226
Cocoa Nibs ...	11,144	3,031	118	...	...	2	...	1,684	15,979
Hops ...	37,859	54,672	17,482	11,017	19	12,941	1,844	7,535	143,369
Tobacco—Unmanufactured ...	52,132	41,021	1,681	23,367	...	2,283	1	2,822	123,307
Salt—Rock and unrefined ...	986	11,844	989	389	17	55	101	1,483	15,864
Animal Matters—Wool ...	1,808,492	1,088,888	8,902	258,479	...	...	...	261	3,165,022
Hides and Skins ...	262,638	337,803	989	52,627	...	8	8,297	5,315	667,677
Shells—Pearl, Tortoise, &c. ...	...	8,265	...	...	...	...	...	1,044	9,309
Vegetable Matters—Timber, rough	205,392	302,488	11,674	48,402	...	26,272	591	60,306	655,125
Fats, &c.—Tallow ...	29,260	173,100	127	8,826	80	170	1,605	2,232	215,400
Metals, Minerals—Iron Ore ...	294	1,705	...	349	...	...	...	...	...
Copper Ore and Copper (unmanufactured) ...	3,663	8,832	2,180	5,150	156	3,384	20	13,420	150,614
Tin Ore and Ingot ...	14,633	50,782	269	4,637	...	1,480	...	39,660	...
Silver Ore and Silver Lead ...	...	7,525	5,207	1,395,666	...	...	...	...	1,408,398
<i>(b) Partly Manufactured.</i>									
Foodstuffs—Malt ...	317	124,534	42,983	10,441	3	28,932	973	987	209,170
Textiles—Woollen Piece Goods ...	58,411	§	171,266	137,468	922	*	*	272,473	1,140,540
Cotton and Linen Piece Goods	1,013,973	*	397,582	238,601	2,506	*	*	461,136	2,113,798
Silk Piece Goods ...	254,732	||	23,852	*	*	*	*	17,073	295,657
Total Textiles, partly manufactured	1,827,116	...	592,700	376,069	3,428	...	...	750,682	3,549,995
For Transportation — Bicycles, parts of ...	88,844	¶	10,346	10,326	...	¶	...	65,246	174,762
Animal Matters—Leather ...	96,921	98,348	33,784	18,992	764	26,124	1,692	64,926	341,551
Minerals, Metals, &c.—									
Iron—Angle, bar, rod, bolts and nuts, galvanized-sheet, girders, H-rolled, hoop, pig, pipes, plate, scrap, sheet, nails and screws, steel, steel cranks and tires, and steel cordage ...	441,411	590,532	277,535	271,571	1,914	276,172	65,057	441,880	2,366,072
Miscellaneous—									
Drugs and Chemicals **	312,012	406,237	177,339	96,806	2,979	98,574	28,453	235,340	1,357,740
III.—UNCLASSIFIED.									
All other Articles ...	1,998,766	3,340,221	1,120,170	770,749	22,281	758,088	290,473	1,588,243	9,888,991
Total Imports	16,768,904	24,453,560	6,007,266	6,184,805	113,960	5,241,965	1,650,018	8,230,600	68,651,078

* Included under the head of Dress, all other kinds, and unenumerated—I. (b).

† Included with Cotton and Linen Piece Goods.

‡ Including steam-engines and boilers, machinery and implements undefined, sewing machines, weighing machines, tools and utensils, organs and anvils, printing presses, chaff cutters, lawn mowers, wheelbarrows, cream separators, lithographic machinery, &c.

§ Included with Wool and Worsted Manufactures—I. (b).

|| Included with Silk Manufactures—I. (b).

¶ Included with Bicycles and Tricycles—I. (b).

** Including acids and alkalis, alum, essences and essential oils, sulphur, naphtha, cream of tartar, gelatine, glycerine, nitrate of silver, and drugs unenumerated.

†† Included with Woollen Piece Goods.

‡‡ Not separately specified.

NOTE.—The following are other principal articles of import of special interest to individual colonies named :—

Victoria.				Western Australia.			
Indiarubber goods ..	..	..	85,256	Camels ..	..	..	2,180
Fancy goods ..	..	..	67,676	Furniture ..	..	..	21,511
<i>New South Wales.</i>				Vegetables—Preserved ..	..	..	15,361
Lead ..	..	..	27,899	Carts, carriages, and waggons ..	..	..	5,789
Vegetables—Fresh ..	..	..	27,163	Cheese ..	..	..	21,058
<i>Queensland.</i>				<i>Tasmania.</i>			
Musical instruments ..	..	..	28,249	Oilmen's stores ..	..	..	29,428
Jewellery ..	..	..	28,768	<i>New Zealand.</i>			
<i>South Australia.</i>				Grass and clover seeds ..	..	..	59,774
Oil ..	..	..	33,105	Fancy goods and toys ..	..	..	103,786
Carriages and carts ..	..	..	3,452				

TABLE XXI.—EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1898.

(Including Re-Exports.)

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
I.—FIT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Natural Products.</i>									
Foods—									
Live Stock—Cattle ...	45,785	297,429	615,217	49,259	42,551	1,102	...	3,477	1,054,820
" Sheep ...	79,685	509,005	161,698	19,531	2,304	105	19,400	6,338	798,066
" Pigs ...	4,117	15,124	2,730	503	...	26	...	502	23,002
Meats—Fresh or Salted—Beef	1,289	8,398	14,666	1,536	...	...	...	6,424	32,597
" " Mutton	266	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Pork	3,474	247	250	12	...	...	...	108	4,091
Frozen or Chilled—Beef	10,020	45,541	660,023	...	...	...	...	104,144	819,728
" " Mutton	110,867	284,784	12,947	13,738	...	...	...	1,499,764	1,922,100
" " Pork	230	128	40	...	...	...	...	3	401
Grain—Oats ...	57,860	6,067	...	1,874	...	...	36,623	87,924	190,348
" Beans and Peas ...	2,925	2,869	29	208	...	...	4,140	6,933	17,104
" Potatoes ...	34,554	82,494	825	15,515	5	...	129,436	141,077	403,906
Fruit, Fresh and Dried (including Nuts of all kinds) ...	80,328	169,071	97,557	56,757	9	1	126,759	2,526	533,008
Heat, Light, and Energy—Coal ...	355	962,668	5459	24,936	...	25,827	653	57,639	1,077,537
For Transport—									
Horses ...	126,077	173,183	31,903	17,225	3,304	1,947	4,136	9,449	367,224
Animal and Vegetable Substances—									
Manures (including Guano and Bone-dust) ...	19,139	75,514	62,557	10,155	...	9,506	...	426	177,297
(b) <i>Manufactured Articles.</i>									
Foods—									
Butter ...	736,325	385,030	37,586	48,744	...	7	145	403,690	1,611,527
Cheese ...	7,377	9,960	735	4,479	...	103	...	135,776	158,430
Flour and Biscuit ...	178,474	284,197	1,212	239,937	...	...	13,622	4,737	722,179
Oatmeal ...	31,007	4,183	140	1,769	...	...	373	17,001	54,473
Sugar and Molasses—Refined ...	8,171	9,278	1,340,436	75,825	...	218	57	9,674	1,443,659
Fruits—Canned and Bottled ...	8,866	69	577	3,082	...	216	8,188	175	21,173
" Jams, Jellies, and Preserves ...	22,365	8,481	873	19,664	...	...	30,985	421	82,789
Stimulants—Wine ...	45,569	20,773	434	84,221	...	2,010	36	883	153,926
Narcotics—Tobacco (Manufactured) and Snuff	59,562	32,031	3,332	15,728	...	50	383	2,498	113,584
" Cigars and Cigarettes	20,893	50,339	563	8,272	14	435	...	1,533	82,049
extiles, Fabrics, and Dress—									
Wool and Worsted Manufactures	1,612	55,315	28	*	...	*	*	...	56,955
Blankets ...	2,767	1,090	169	1,906	...	132	752	789	7,605
Cotton and Linen Manufactures	10,879	*	...	*	...	*	*	...	10,879
Carpets and Rugs ...	4,529	1,563	199	2,037	...	208	*	1,806	10,342
Silk Manufactures ...	3,957	7,831	...	*	...	*	*	...	11,788
Bags and Sacks (including Wool-packs) ...	31,540	59,094	201	13,563	...	1,870	100	1,967	108,335
Dress—									
Hosiery ...	8,422	*	579	9,903	...	*	*	913	19,817
Apparel and Slops ...	136,776	29,391	2,880	48,333	17	4,759	*	4,093	226,249
Hats, Caps, and Bonnets ...	13,834	6,703	574	6,861	...	*	*	248	28,220
Gloves ...	9,405	3,409	306	*	...	*	*	*	13,120
Boots and Shoes ...	47,646	33,799	4,672	37,716	...	1,006	80	1,402	126,321
All other kinds and unenumerated (including Drapery and Haberdashery) ...	46,327	201,711	3,814	47,820	45	1,274	568	2,210	303,769
Total Textiles, Fabrics, and Dress, Manufactured ...	317,694	399,906	13,422	168,139	62	9,249	1,500	13,428	923,400
Building Materials—									
Timber—Dressed ...	16,256	23,113	46	64,950	...	†	21,360	16,398	142,123
Vegetable Matters—									
Bark ...	17,478	3,305	59	62,132	...	...	31,017	...	113,991
Derived from Fats, Oils, &c.—									
Candles ...	4,637	5,200	791	10,289	...	1,405	63	15	22,400
Precious Metals—									
Gold—Bullion ...	271,048	404,585	2,855,781	74,690	84,467	3,990,698	184,865	1,080,691	8,946,825
" Specie ...	5,650,727	6,529,060	218,033	466,500	...	15,000	65,000	65,185	13,009,505
Silver—Bullion ...	41	30,647	738	634,101	...	...	...	33,107	698,634
" Specie ...	24,460	29,872	514	2,100	...	...	...	2,932	59,878
Heat, Light, and Energy—									
Coke and Charcoal ...	1,407	25,657	1,557	5,264	...	...	...	14	33,899
II.—REQUIRING FURTHER MANUFACTURE.									
(a) <i>Raw Materials.</i>									
Foodstuffs—									
Grain—Wheat ...	323,987	241,949	417	15,911	...	...	22,220	2,463	606,947
Hops ...	18,769	19,712	592	3,007	...	338	22,012	6,492	70,922
Sugar—Raw ...	142,260	219,299	...	212	...	15	...	...	361,786
Tobacco—Unmanufactured ...	6,268	3,173	97	121	...	616	...	...	10,275
Fruit Pulp ...	2,695	1,021	65	1,184	...	...	17,363	...	22,328

[See following page for notes.]

TABLE XXI.—EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1898—continued.
(Including Re-Exports.)

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory				
Animal Matters—									
Wool ...	£ 4,036,968	£ 9,457,535	£ 3,018,098	£ 1,167,181	£ 14,275	£ 287,731	£ 254,960	£ 4,645,804	£ 22,882,552
Hides and Skins ...	373,054	840,533	466,265	184,474	4,624	60,226	63,684	323,702	2,316,562
Shells—Pearl and Tortoise ...	...	6,801	111,975	...	23,338	†99,009	...	1,305	242,428
Vegetable Matters—									
Timber—Rough ...	9,086	87,111	8,208	...	...	\$358,007	7,635	149,553	619,600
Fats, &c.—Tallow ...	94,508	495,918	328,531	4,689	...	2,787	1,243	300,211	1,227,887
Precious Metals, &c.—									
Silver Ore and Silver Lead ...	...	1,688,658	7,874	1,544,809	205	...	167,618	...	3,409,164
Metals, Minerals—									
Copper—Ore and Unmanufactured ...	911	281,744	6,430	3,992	804	4,266	378,565	...	676,712
Tin—Ore and Ingot ...	4,123	96,420	31,871	91	120	2,760	141,439	...	276,824
(b) Partly Manufactured.									
Foodstuffs—Malt ...	18,867	3,290	2,156	7,202	...	...	1,736	25,868	59,119
Textiles—									
Woollen Piece Goods ...	35,312	||	1,633	24,521	...	...	...	7,895	69,361
Cotton and Linen Piece Goods ...	58,691	*	1,181	17,970	20	...	...	3,302	81,164
Silk Piece Goods ...	34,146	¶	245	...	...	...	...	270	34,661
Total Textiles partly manufactured ...	128,149	...	3,059	42,491	20	...	...	11,467	185,186
Animal Matters—Leather ...	299,741	340,400	2,977	48,730	...	...	3,161	104,857	799,866
III.—UNCLASSIFIED.									
All other articles ...	2,413,532	2,976,327	724,782	1,570,545	6,494	86,346	42,992	1,231,341	9,052,359
Total Exports ...	15,872,246	27,648,117	10,856,127	6,795,774	182,596	4,960,006	1,803,369	10,517,955	78,636,190

* Included under the head of Dress, all other kinds, and unenumerated. —† Included with Timber—Undressed. —‡ Including pearls valued at £20,000, and mother-of-pearl, valued at £76,586. —§ Including sandalwood, £31,812. —|| Included with Woollen Manufactures. —¶ Included with Silk Manufactures.

NOTE.—The following are particulars of other chief Exports of interest to individual colonies:—

Victoria.				South Australia.				£
Oil of all kinds	..	..	62,959	Eggs	..	..	..	55,719
Spirits—Brandy	..	..	35,762	Salt	..	..	..	38,944
Onions	..	..	22,272	Bran	..	..	..	10,165
Soap	..	..	16,565					
				Northern Territory.				
				Bêche-de-mer	..	..	..	2,500
				Western Australia.				
				Jewellery	..	..	..	1,915
				Tasmania.				
				Oil—Eucalyptus	..	..	..	5,201
				New Zealand.				
				Kauri Gum	..	..	..	586,775
				Grass and Clover Seeds	..	..	..	78,740
				Phormium	..	..	..	74,556
				Fish	..	..	..	10,844
				Copra	..	..	..	6,981
				Fungus	..	..	..	7,093
Queensland.								
Fish—Shell (Oysters)	..	..	11,663					
Bêche-de-mer	..	..	4,406					

TABLE XXII.—SHIPPING,* 1898.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Inwards and Outwards.			
					Steam only.		Steam and Sailing.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ...	2,008	2,472,745	2,043	2,483,992	3,567	4,586,050	4,051	4,956,737
New South Wales ...	3,316	3,464,867	3,263	3,455,061	5,196	5,585,233	6,579	6,919,928
Queensland ...	615	602,006	598	596,313	†	†	1,213	1,198,319
South Australia Proper...	1,068	1,722,358	1,083	1,760,167	1,803	3,178,480	2,151	3,482,525
Do., Northern Territory	72	92,560	74	92,441	†	†	146	185,001
Western Australia ...	633	1,199,894	631	1,189,732	1,016	2,201,963	1,264	2,389,626
Total ...	7,712	9,554,430	7,692	9,577,706	11,582‡	15,551,726‡	15,404	19,132,136
Tasmania ...	739	574,964	786	584,029	1,279	698,474	1,525	1,158,993
New Zealand ...	620	765,255	622	765,793	707	1,262,765	1,242	1,531,048
Grand Total ...	9,071	10,894,649	9,100	10,927,528	13,568‡	17,512,965‡	18,171	21,822,177

* Exclusive of Coastal trade.

† No separate returns.

‡ Totals incomplete.

TABLE XXIII.—SHIPPING* TO AND FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1898.

Colony.	Tonnage of Vessels Entered—				Tonnage of Vessels Cleared—			
	From United Kingdom.	From Australasian Colonies.	From Other Countries.	Total.	To United Kingdom.	To Australasian Colonies.	To Other Countries.	Total.
Victoria ...	403,478	1,699,194	370,073	2,472,745	353,502	1,879,654	250,836	2,483,992
New South Wales ...	441,320	2,265,992	757,555	3,464,867	389,433	1,942,774	1,122,854	3,455,061
Queensland ...	95,702	400,741	105,563	602,006	100,975	404,892	90,446	596,313
South Australia Proper ...	339,024	1,073,778	309,556	1,722,358	268,956	1,318,117	173,094	1,760,167
Do., Northern Territory ...	...	46,432	46,128	92,560	...	92,045	396	92,441
Western Australia ...	237,392	737,409	225,093	1,199,894	294,044	686,045	209,643	1,189,732
Total ...	1,516,916	6,223,546	1,813,968	9,554,430	1,406,910	6,323,527	1,847,269	9,577,706
Tasmania ...	111,567	442,847	20,550	574,964	38,152	542,897	2,980	584,029
New Zealand ...	202,475	396,355	166,425	765,255	252,449	395,038	118,306	765,793
Grand Total ...	1,830,958	7,062,748	2,000,943	10,894,649	1,697,511	7,261,462	1,968,555	10,927,528

* Exclusive of Coastal trade.

TABLE XXIV.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE AT PRINCIPAL AUSTRALASIAN PORTS, 1898.

Chief Local Ports.				Shipping.*		Commerce.	
				Entered.	Cleared.	Imports.	Exports.
<i>In Victoria—</i>				tons.	tons.	£	£
Melbourne ...	...	...	...	2,379,703	2,304,060	14,530,388	12,063,819
Geelong ...	...	...	...	54,146	114,278	130,754	346,946
Border Towns ...	...	...	...	38,143	42,523	875,813	3,044,808†
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	753	23,131	1,231,949	416,673
Total ...	...	...	...	2,472,745	2,483,992	16,768,904	15,872,246
<i>In New South Wales—</i>				...	...	...	...
Sydney ...	...	...	...	2,406,473	1,898,845	18,364,539	21,630,664
Newcastle ...	...	...	...	868,062	1,298,592	409,527	1,782,634
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	190,332	257,624	5,679,494	4,234,819
Total ...	...	...	...	3,464,867	3,455,061	24,453,560	27,648,117
<i>In Queensland—</i>				...	...	...	...
Brisbane ...	...	...	...	403,965	423,032	3,333,740	2,490,001
Rockhampton ...	...	...	...	9,389	13,952	622,061	2,434,287
Townsville ...	...	...	...	34,397	20,283	875,175	2,616,511
Bundaberg ...	...	...	...	6,613	5,917	93,754	466,123
Mackay ...	...	...	...	11,571	15,894	107,533	382,878
Maryborough ...	...	...	...	2,220	1,055	164,194	98,200
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	133,851	116,190	810,809	2,368,127
Total ...	...	...	...	602,006	596,323	6,007,266	10,856,127
<i>In South Australia—</i>				...	...	...	...
Port Adelaide ...	...	...	...	1,513,266	1,494,099	3,826,071	4,262,336
Pirie ...	...	...	...	114,404	172,842	330,162	1,085,254
Wallaroo ...	...	...	...	49,745	24,118	94,009	211,968
Augusta ...	...	...	...	15,492	32,724	11,970	174,058
Morgan (Murray River) ...	...	...	...	14,560	14,899	100,185	41,593
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	14,891	21,485	1,822,408	1,020,565
Total ...	...	...	...	1,722,358	1,760,167	6,184,805	6,795,774
<i>In Western Australia—</i>				...	...	...	...
Fremantle ...	...	...	...	286,230	308,729	3,861,140	2,006,831
Albany ...	...	...	...	865,581	832,552	233,261	2,092,892
Perth ...	...	...	...	...	...	762,286	...
Bunbury ...	...	...	...	2,541	1,315	67,476	16,478
Geraldton ...	...	...	...	1,096	4,074	173,276	495,889
Cossack ...	...	...	...	89	3,974	30,862	118,159
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	44,357	39,088	113,664	229,757
Total ...	...	...	...	1,199,894	1,189,732	5,241,965	4,960,006
<i>In Tasmania—</i>				...	...	...	...
Hobart ...	...	...	...	348,021	360,546	615,199	626,542
Launceston ...	...	...	...	114,673	116,268	659,832	549,234
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	112,270	107,215	374,987	627,593
Total ...	...	...	...	574,964	584,029	1,650,018	1,803,369
<i>In New Zealand—</i>				...	...	...	...
Auckland ...	...	...	...	293,873	218,990	2,187,128	1,676,152
Wellington ...	...	...	...	263,774	268,312	1,969,635	1,888,075
Lyttelton ...	...	...	...	39,199	54,557	1,347,494	1,934,636
Dunedin ...	...	...	...	55,798	40,216	1,689,800	886,689
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	112,611	183,718	1,036,543	4,132,403
Total ...	...	...	...	765,255	765,793	8,230,600	10,517,955
Grand Total ...	...	...	...	10,802,089	10,835,097	68,537,118	78,453,594

* Exclusive of Coastal trade in all the colonies, and trade with the Northern Territory of South Australia.
† Including Exports direct from Melbourne, not credited to various border ports, viz., £2,922,496.

TABLE XXV.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1897-8.

Name of Colony.	Gauge.	Miles Open—			Miles being Constructed.	Capital Cost of Lines Open for Traffic at end of year.*		Revenue Account.†										
		At End of Year.		Average.		Amount.	Average per Mile Open.	Gross Receipts.‡					Working Expenses.			Net Receipts.		
		Total.	Per 1,000 Inhabitants.					Coaching.	Goods	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Average per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Receipts.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.§	
ft.	in.				£	£	£	£	£	£	d.	£		d.	£			
Victoria ...	5	3	3,113 ¹	2·65	3,108	30½	38,593,205	12,397	1,263,316	1,283,835	61,745	2,608,896	67·77	1,646,054	63·09	42·76	962,842	2·50
New South Wales	4	8½	2,691	2·02	2,659	78½	37,719,402	14,017	1,099,659	1,892,821	34,268	3,026,748	87·10	1,614,605 ²	53·34	46·46	1,412,143	3·76
Queensland	3	6	2,636	5·35	2,586	133	18,056,285	6,850	358,185	810,486	47,140	1,215,811	58·27	686,066	56·43	32·88	529,745	3·00
South Australia Proper	5	3	495	4·82	1,724	...	12,764,106	7,404	291,411	664,048	28,469	983,928	63·55	603,474	61·33	38·98	380,454	3·00
	3	6	1,229															
„ „ Northern Territory	3	6	146	29·77	145	...	1,155,152	7,912	3,556	8,570	1,998	14,124	112·97	20,268	143·50	162·12	—6,144	—·53
Western Australia ||	3	6	992	5·86	974	357	5,047,261	5,088	404,275	561,273	54,129 ³	1,019,677	67·73	786,318	77·11	52·22	233,359	4·96
Total ...	...	...	11,302	3·20	11,196	599	113,335,411	10,028	3,420,402	5,221,033	227,749	8,869,184	71·08	5,356,785	60·40	42·93	3,512,399	3·13
Tasmania	3	6	420	2·51	438	...	3,585,040	8,185	75,273	81,538	21,369	178,180	56·18	141,179	79·23	44·50	37,001	1·04
	2	0	18															
New Zealand	3	6	2,055	2·79	2,043	...	15,993,903	7,783	494,302	837,590	44,116	1,376,008	90·07	857,191	62·30	56·11	518,817	3·29
Grand Total	...	...	13,795	3·10	13,677	599	132,914,354	9,635	3,989,977	6,140,161	293,234	10,423,372	72·77	6,355,155	60·97	44·38	4,068,217	3·09

Name of Colony.	Rolling-stock.						Traffic.† 28.15					
	Locomotives Working.		Vehicles of all kinds.				Train Mileage.		Passenger Journeys.		Goods and Live Stock.	
	Number.	Per 100 Miles Open.	Passenger.	Goods and Live Stock.	Total.		Total.	Per Head.	Number.¶	Average per Mile Open.	Tons Carried.	Average Tonnage per Mile Open.
					Number.	Per Mile Open.						
Victoria ...	517	16·61	1,061	9,171	10,232	3·29	9,239,677	7·86	43,090,749	13,842	2,408,665 ⁴	774
New South Wales ...	494	18·36	747	10,773	11,520	4·28	8,340,338	6·30	23,233,206	8,634	4,630,564	1,721
Queensland ...	310	11·76	440	4,754	5,194	1·97	5,007,370	10·33	5,882,112	2,231	1,323,782 ⁵	502
South Australia Proper ...	332	19·26	365	6,232	6,597	3·83	3,715,748	10·37	6,050,189	3,509	1,189,095	690
„ „ Northern Territory	6	4·11	7	134	141	·97	30,004	6·22	3,126	21	2,678	18
Western Australia ...	186	18·75	289	4,478	4,767	4·81	3,613,874	22·32	5,669,444	5,715	1,203,911	1,214
Total ...	1,845	16·32	2,909	35,542	38,451	3·40	29,946,991	8·53	83,928,826	7,426	10,758,695	952
Tasmania ...	66	15·07	161	1,212	1,373	3·13	761,309	4·43	617,643	1,410	235,096	537
New Zealand ...	273	13·28	750	8,768	9,518	4·63	3,666,483 ⁶	5·03	7,572,288	3,685	2,518,367	1,225
Grand Total ...	2,184	15·83	3,820	45,522	49,342	3·58	34,374,783	7·79	92,118,757	6,678	13,512,158	979

[For Notes see next page.]

NOTE.—The figures for Tasmania relate to the calendar year 1898, and those for New Zealand to the year ended 31st March, 1898. In other cases the figures relate to the year ended 30th June, 1898.

* The amounts included in these columns generally represent the actual expenditure on construction, irrespective of the cost of floating loans, and without regard to the deficiencies below or premiums received above the nominal amount of loans for railway purposes as contracted by the different colonies, except South Australia, which includes on this account £433,623, also interest paid during construction, £56,035. The capital cost includes contributions from the general revenue as follow:—In Victoria, £2,803,740; New South Wales, about £2,200,000; South Australia, £476,222; Western Australia, about £210,000. In regard to the relative cost of constructing the lines in the different colonies, it should be borne in mind that a much larger proportion of double lines exists in Victoria than in any other colony.

† Including the traffic of 17 miles in Victoria and 7½ miles in Tasmania worked by Government for a shire council and a private company respectively.

‡ In South Australia over £394,784 of the amount shown was derived from the line to Broken Hill, N.S.W.

§ The calculations in this column are based on the average capital cost, as follow:—Victoria, £38,459,361; New South Wales, £37,544,303; Queensland, £17,663,427; South Australia (Proper), £12,631,999; Northern Territory (S.A.), £1,155,441; Western Australia, £4,703,251; Tasmania, £3,555,681 (cost of average miles worked); New Zealand, £15,785,648.

|| Exclusive of Cossack to Roebourne Tramway, 8 miles long, constructed at a cost of £21,767; its gross earnings in 1896-7 were £3,686, and working expenses £2,491, resulting in a net profit (without allowing for interest on capital) of £1,195. In 1897-8 the net receipts were £125.

¶ The number of passenger journeys have been carefully computed for all the colonies on the following uniform basis:—There has been allowed 720 journeys for each yearly, 360 for each half-yearly, 180 for each quarterly, 60 for each monthly, 2 for each return, and 1 for each single ticket issued to adults and youths; and one-half of those numbers respectively for tickets issued to boys and girls. No allowance has been made for free passes issued; whilst the figures for South Australia are also exclusive of journeys on yearly and half-yearly *contract* tickets available for all lines. The numbers given differ in many cases from those returned by the various colonies, which are not compiled in a uniform manner. In comparing the railway traffic in Victoria and New South Wales the large metropolitan tramway traffic, as well as the steam-boat traffic in the latter colony, must also be taken into account; and it must also be borne in mind that in New South Wales the trams, being under State control, run only to districts and places not served by railways, and do not, therefore, enter into competition with the latter; whereas in Victoria the metropolitan trams, belonging as they do to a private company, enter into competition with the State railways in nearly all directions.

¹ Exclusive of 16½ miles dismantled in the previous year, but capital cost still included.

² Including annual instalment of £75,000 towards the redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way.

³ Chiefly Wharfage and Jetty dues.

⁴ Each consignment of goods is reckoned as a unit.

⁵ Exclusive of live stock.

⁶ Exclusive of 1,125,209 miles ballasting and shunting. It is probable, however, that this item is also excluded in the other colonies.

ADDENDUM.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1898-9.

Name of Colony.	Length Open.	Capital Cost of Lines Open at end of Year.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	Percentage of Net Revenue to Mean Capital Cost.
	Miles.	£	£	£	£	
Victoria	3,127	38,974,410	2,873,729*	1,797,726*	1,076,003*	2.77
New South Wales	2,707	37,992,276	3,145,273	1,690,442†	1,454,831	3.87
Queensland	2,746	18,670,208	1,373,475	784,811	588,664	3.21
South Australia, Proper	1,724	12,886,359	1,058,397	617,380	441,017	3.44
„ „ Northern Territory	146	1,155,648	14,758	17,375	— 2,617 ‡	— 2.3 ‡
Western Australia	1,355	6,427,370	663,220	712,329	— 49,109 ‡	— .86 ‡
New Zealand	2,090	16,404,076	1,469,665	929,737	539,928	3.33

* Including amounts for Dookie and Katamatite Tramway (17 miles—not included in length open). The Working Expenses included the charge for pensions, &c.

† Including the annual instalment of £75,000 referred to in Note 2 of the foregoing table.

‡ The minus sign (—) indicates excess of expenses over receipts.

TABLE XXVI.—PRIVATE RAILWAYS, 1898.

Colony.	Miles Open.		Capital Cost.	Revenue Account.				Train Mileage.	Rolling-stock. ²	
	At end of Year.	Average.		Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.			Locomotives Working.	Vehicles of all Kinds.
						Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.			
			£	£	£	£				
New South Wales ...	84½*	84½	564,113	144,934†	53,121†	91,813†	16·28	215,045	19	735
South Australia Proper	20	20	160,497	24,066	12,913	11,153	6·95	140,421	11	39
Western Australia ..	495	495	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Tasmania ...	71	71	406,571	48,930	24,508	24,422	6·01	105,464	11	111
New Zealand ...	167	167	1,527,665‡	106,323‡	59,310‡	47,013‡	3·08	(?)	30§	600§
Grand Total ...	837½	837½	2,658,846 ||	324,253 ||	149,852 ||	174,401 ||	6·56 ||	460,930 ¶	71 ||	1,485 ||

NOTE.—There were no private railways in Victoria or Queensland.

* Exclusive of about 200 miles of coal lines.

† Exclusive of the amounts for two short lines less than 4 miles in length.

‡ Exclusive of the amounts for the Kaitangata Company's line, 4 miles in length.

§ Approximate.

|| Exclusive of Western Australia.

¶ Exclusive of Western Australia and New Zealand.

** No information available.

TABLE XXVII.—TRAMWAYS, 1897-8.

Colony.	Miles Open.					Capital Cost.	Revenue Account.			
	Cable.	Steam.	Electric.	Horse.	Total.		Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	
									Amount.	Percentage of Mean Capital Cost.
<i>Government Lines.</i>						£	£	£	£	
New South Wales ...	4	54	8	...	66	1,478,251	313,871	259,141	54,730	3·73
Western Australia ...	...	...	...	8	8	21,767	2,748	2,623	125	·57
Total... ..	4	54	8	8	74	1,500,018	316,619	261,764	54,855	3·69
<i>Private Lines.</i>										
Victoria	44	...	...	4	48	1,705,794	370,477	...	...	...
New South Wales ...	...	7	...	...	7	(?)	(?)	...	...	...
Queensland ... ..	...	...	15	...	15†	30,300	(?)	...	...	...
Tasmania ... ..	...	2	9	...	{ 9 2	90,000 1,750	12,205* (?)	...	...	...
Total	44	9	24	4	81	(?)	(?)	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	48	63	32	12	155	(?)	(?)	...	...	...

NOTE.—There were no State tramways in any of the other colonies, and no private tramways in South Australia, Western Australia, or New Zealand. In New South Wales, the estimated number of passengers carried on Government lines was 26,937,000, and in Victoria on private lines, 36,245,280 passengers. The Victorian tramways were constructed by a Municipal Trust, but are leased to a company for a term of years, after which the lines revert to the Trust.

* Figures for 1897. In the same year, the working expenses were £8,562, and the net receipts £3,643, or 4·05 per cent. of the capital cost.

† Embracing 25 miles of track.

TABLE XXVIII.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1898.

Colony.	Number of Post Offices on 31st December.	Letters and Post Cards Despatched and Received. (000's Omitted.)				Newspapers Despatched and Received. (000's Omitted.)				Packets and Parcels Despatched and Received. (000's Omitted.)				Per Head of Population.		
		Inland.	Inter-colonial.	Inter-national.	Total.	Inland.	Inter-colonial.	Inter-national.	Total.	Inland.	Inter-colonial.	Inter-national.	Total.	Letters and Post Cards.	Newspapers.	Packets and Parcels.
Victoria ¹	1,581 ²	42,824,	9,209,	2,068,	54,101, ¹	15,682,	7,089,	3,619,	26,390, ¹	7,340,	2,383,	1,028,	10,751, ¹	46 ¹	22 ¹	9 ¹
New South Wales	2,098	62,009,	11,419,	3,554,	76,982,	33,663,	6,661,	2,247,	42,571,	13,023,	3,255,	816,	17,094,	58	32	13
Queensland	1,116	14,779,	4,945, ³	⁴	19,724,	7,990,	3,657, ³	⁴	11,647,	3,615,	1,754, ³	⁴	5,369,	40	24	11
South Australia	693	15,051,	3,749,	592,	19,392,	6,329,	1,660,	814,	8,803,	543,	728,	231,	1,502,	53	24	4
Western Australia	171	7,024,	5,374,	1,032,	13,430,	2,503,	4,032,	855,	7,390,	1,751,	1,290,	221,	3,262,	79	44	19
Tasmania	344	5,409,	3,988, ³	⁴	9,397,	3,669,	1,906, ³	⁴	5,575,	1,068,	410, ³	⁴	1,478,	54	32	8
New Zealand	1,561	33,037,	1,870,	2,228,	37,135,	9,587,	2,013,	3,496,	15,096,	14,122,	1,150,	1,551,	16,823,	50	21	23
Total	7,564	180,133,	50,028,		230,161,	79,423,	38,049,		117,472,	41,462,	14,817,		56,279,	52	26	13

NOTE.—The numbers given for letters, newspapers, and parcels represent those posted in the colony (counted once), added to those received from abroad.

¹ The figures for Victoria are very incomplete, being inclusive of newspapers and packets and Intercolonial and International letters posted at suburban and country Post Offices.

² There are also 17 receiving offices, 15 travelling offices, and 836 letter-boxes.

³ Including International. In Queensland the number of International correspondence *received* was as follows:—Letters, 633,000; Newspapers, 1,356,000; packets, 337,000.

⁴ Included with Intercolonial.

TABLE XXIX.—TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Telegraphs.										Telephones and Private Wires.		
	Miles open on 31st December (exclusive of Telephones).*					Telegraph Stations at end of Year.	Number of Telegrams.				Number of Public Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Con- nections at end of the Year.
	Postal Department.		Railway Department.		Cable.		Inland (counted once.)	Intercolonial Received & Despatched.	Cablegrams Received & Despatched.	Total.			
	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.									
Victoria ...	3,841	9,455	2,758	5,274	...	782	1,454,855	713,424	36,128	2,204,407	13	11,232 ¹	3,630
New South Wales	13,242	35,637	2,691	5,000	...	916	1,856,885	941,825	67,860	2,866,570 ²	33 ³	4	8,928
Queensland ...	10,088	18,565	...	...	58	422	1,178,901	149,027	6,918	1,334,846	8	1,334	1,516
South Australia	5,514	11,785	242	2,408	37	1,880	423,351	339,672	20,950	783,973 ⁵	8	3,073	1,141
Western Australia	5,886	8,650	...	...	...	147	839,290	307,755	31,883	1,178,928	10	2,099 ¹	1,915 ⁶
Total ...	38,571	84,092	5,691	12,682	95	4,147	5,753,282	2,451,703	163,739	8,368,724	72	17,738	17,130
Tasmania ...	1,523	2,485	808	2,485	428	168	243,037	126,903	1,424	371,364	4	705	860
New Zealand † ...	6,736	18,746	507	977	242	878	2,960,738	46,818	9,478	3,017,034	31	5,803	6,203
Grand Total	46,830	105,323	7,006	16,144	765	5,193	8,957,057	2,625,424	174,641	11,757,122	107	24,246	24,193

NOTE.—The telegrams refer to those transmitted and received (each telegram being counted only once). In former years the number transmitted only were dealt with.

* Telephone wire is included in the case of New South Wales.

† Figures in this case are for the year ended 31st March, 1899.

¹ Excluding wire used solely for railway purposes, viz., 1,193 miles in Victoria and 1,857 in Western Australia.

² Including messages *in transitu*, 134,672.

³ In addition there were 35 bureaux for the use of the public.

⁴ Included with telegraph wire.

⁵ Including messages *in transitu*, 173,968; but excluding about 100,000 International cablegrams transmitted on behalf of other colonies.

⁶ Including 329 connexions at Government Departments.

TABLE XXX.—MONEY ORDERS, 1898.

Colony.	Money Orders.				Postal Notes Issued.	
	Number.		Amount.		Number.	Amount.
	Issued.	Paid.	Issued.	Paid.		
			£	£		£
Victoria ...	216,165	304,783	678,616	1,064,180	1,142,999	453,881
New South Wales ...	407,161	410,772	1,371,727	1,432,373	1,158,010	424,423
Queensland ...	130,309	87,601	478,061	357,920	248,612	95,524
South Australia ...	82,187	86,606	237,590	307,858	259,627	87,587
Western Australia ...	231,387	80,784	888,389	330,597	23,499	6,296
Tasmania ...	121,738	228,121	244,971	330,229	50,353	15,530
New Zealand ...	318,370	229,720	1,029,241	880,053	431,449	139,957
Total	1,507,317	1,428,387	4,928,595	4,703,210	3,314,549	1,223,198

TABLE XXXI.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS, 1898.

Hheads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Revenue.							
	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total Australasia.
REVENUE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Postage, &c.—								
Ordinary	375,499	474,519	148,224	120,568	86,678	68,101	282,212	1,555,801
O.H.M.S.	(*25,000)	30,498	27,000	5,741	7,699	(*17,157)†	(*70,730)	70,938
Money Orders and Postal Notes ...	19,911	25,162	6,983	5,651	13,054	3,726	18,264	92,751
Telegrams—								
Ordinary	97,565	147,432	75,962	96,413	77,926	17,002	105,576	617,876
O.H.M.S.	(*5,421)	14,475	(*12,765)	2,526	11,878	(*4,867)	(*25,500)	28,879
Telephones and Private Wires—								
Ordinary	37,200	45,187	8,896	15,028	16,890	3,838	39,718	177,757
O.H.M.S.	1,192	5,521	...	2,687	†1,600	(*1,007)		
Total	531,367	742,794	267,065	248,614	215,725	92,667	445,770	2,544,002
Total, inclusive of Free O.H.M.S. letters, &c.	561,788	742,794	279,830	248,614	215,725	115,698	542,000	2,706,449
WORKING EXPENSES AND MAINTENANCE.	Expenditure.‡							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and Allowances to Officers...	315,772	391,975	141,052	116,768	177,505	34,831	225,367	1,403,270
Conveyance of Mails by—								
(a) Contract Packets	33,407	43,967	20,882	11,577	11,053	26,292	50,707	695,482
(b) Non-Contract Vessels	4,628	7,740	4,476	2,062	843			
(c) Railway	58,535	69,733	40,000	15,822	45,388	2,060	17,068	42,647
(d) Road	36,591	87,973	49,490	21,457				
Cable Subsidies and Guarantees ...	14,101	16,663	2,507	4,363	1,525	...	1,428	330,958
Printing, Stamps, Books, Forms, &c.	6,318	12,299	...	5,368	2,742	...	...
Clothing, Stores, Fuel, Light, and Water	12,282	6,086	5,193	7,441	6,008	...	...	330,958
Rates Paid to Municipalities, &c. ...	...	2,545	...	...	...	...	...
Rent § ... ..	...	...	1,291	410	557	...	...	330,958
Maintenance of Buildings, Furniture, &c.	2,306	2,947	8,633	1,145	...	...	59,836	
Maintenance of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, Instruments, and Receiving Pillars	1,879	79,806	23,091	11,846	13,114	6,020	...	330,958
Other (if any)	12,373		17,156	9,848	8,373			
Total	498,192	721,734	313,771	208,107	267,108	73,248	390,197	2,472,357

* Estimated value— not counted as revenue. In the case of Telegrams O.H.M.S. in Queensland, it is stated that if work done for the meteorological service, free shipping, savings bank, &c., were also taken into account, the amount would be increased from £12,765 to £64,215.

† Approximate.

‡ Including expenditure by other Government Departments on account of Postal Department.

§ The item "rent" has evidently not been taken into account in most of the colonies.

|| Including £15,300 for maintenance of telegraph lines.

TABLE XXXII.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF STATE POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.—SUMMARY FOR FIVE YEARS.

Colony.	Revenue earned (i.e., inclusive of Unpaid O.H.M.S. Letters, &c.)					Working Expenses.				
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	553,974	536,346	543,660	560,299	561,788	582,523	531,259	503,581	494,257	498,192
New South Wales...	600,665	633,374	695,626	697,676	742,794	784,180	778,680	755,332	722,793	721,734
Queensland ...	224,699	243,412	249,613	257,592	279,830	296,251	295,065	300,479	312,276	313,771
South Australia ...	207,874	228,012	259,980	257,695	248,614	190,643	194,849	197,766	204,174	208,107
Western Australia	60,946	112,434	186,586	221,572	215,725	77,459	118,298	222,421	261,328	267,108
Total Australia	1,648,158	1,753,578	1,935,465	1,994,834	2,048,751	1,931,056	1,918,151	1,979,579	1,994,828	2,008,912
Tasmania ...	75,594	77,256	94,433	98,456	115,698	71,767	62,421	61,689	65,268	73,248
Total Six Colonies	1,723,752	1,830,834	2,029,898	2,093,290	2,164,449	2,002,823	1,980,572	2,041,268	2,060,096	2,082,160

TABLE XXXIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Area of Colony in Acres.†	During the Year 1898.					
		Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments.‡	Granted without Purchase.	Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
		Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
		acres.	£	£ s. d.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	56,245,760	3,990	16,348	4 1 11	61,329	154	65,473
New South Wales ...	197,872,000	53,067	119,183	2 4 11	759,785	17,119	829,971
Queensland ...	427,663,360	92,815	57,276	0 12 4	360,051	401	453,267
South Australia Proper ...	243,075,200	28,567	28,503	0 19 11	1	90	28,657
Do. Northern Territory	335,116,800	6	117	19 10 0	...	...	6
Western Australia ...	624,588,800	13,669	54,887	4 0 4	440,626	225	454,520
Total ...	1,884,561,920	192,114	276,314	1 8 9	1,621,791	17,989	1,831,894
Tasmania ...	16,880,000	558	26,677	47 16 2	20,071	...	20,629
New Zealand²	66,861,464	37,430	26,979	0 14 5	13¹	438,257	475,700
Grand Total	1,968,303,384	230,102	329,970	1 8 8	1,641,875	456,246	2,328,223

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1898.—Extent—					
	Alienated in Fee simple.§		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments. ||	Under Licence or Lease.		Unoccupied or reserved for Public Purposes.
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.		Perpetual Leases.	All other kinds.	
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	18,421,676	78,677	4,675,268	116,573	13,223,279	19,730,287
New South Wales ...	24,675,054	406,518	21,307,018	...	127,609,598	23,873,812
Queensland ...	12,973,613	70,193	2,033,651	...	237,952,381	174,633,522
South Australia Proper ...	7,253,193	121,406	680,470	4,877,172	71,933,237	158,209,722
Do. Northern Territory	473,098	* 48	...	...	89,040,576	245,603,078
Western Australia ...	6,244,239	*	2,909,946	...	91,133,878	524,300,737
Total ...	70,040,873	676,842	31,606,353	4,993,745	630,892,949	1,146,351,158
Tasmania ...	4,777,640	*	*	...	1,236,398	10,865,962
New Zealand²	14,761,303	7,823,214²	307,120	1,384,883³	12,676,081³	29,908,863⁴
Grand Total	89,579,816	8,500,056	31,913,473	6,378,628	644,805,428	1,187,125,983

* Probably included with area "Sold."

† These areas do not exactly agree with those officially furnished in some cases. See footnote (*) to Table I., ante.

‡ The purchase money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (generally without interest) extending over a period of 10 to 40 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is acquired, see *Victorian Year-Book*, under the head of "Production."

§ Including only that of which the purchase has been completed. In New South Wales, the extent sold includes areas granted prior to 1862.

|| Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c., except in the case of Western Australia.

¹ The system has been discarded in South Australia and New Zealand.

² These figures relate partly to lands in respect to which Crown Grants have been issued either to the original Maori possessors or to Europeans or Maoris who have purchased from them under certain Native Land Acts. Lands reserved for various public purposes are also included, which is not the case in other colonies.

³ Consisting of 443,851 under perpetual lease and 941,032 under leases in perpetuity.

⁴ Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris or to Europeans who have purchased from them. The area of land purchased by the Government from the Maoris up to 31st March, 1897, was 6,741,594 acres, besides 1,606,156 acres of which the purchase was not completed, for which £1,789,834 (including £1,307,554 raised by loan) was paid as purchase money and expenses.

TABLE XXXIV.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1898.				Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1898.			Scholars in Average Daily Attendance during the Year.		
	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Total Number.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.
		Males.	Females.	Total.						
Victoria ...	1,877	1,788	2,830	4,618	122,614	115,743	238,357	134,976	29	56·63
New South Wales ...	2,602	2,491	2,268	4,759	136,872	121,720	258,592	141,723	30	54·81
Queensland ...	833	870	1,017	1,887	51,780	47,317	99,097	58,296	31	58·83
South Australia ...	670	413	840	1,253	35,361	32,252	67,613	39,102	31	57·83
Western Australia ...	167	165	226	391	7,767	6,657	14,424	10,915	28	75·67
Total ...	6,149	5,727	7,181	12,908	354,394	323,689	678,083	385,012	30	56·78
Tasmania ...	292	216	332	548	12,012	10,505	22,517	12,015	22	53·36
New Zealand ...	1,624	1,463	2,201	3,664 ²	90,082	82,443	172,525	110,256	30	63·91
Grand Total	8,065	7,406	9,714	17,120	456,488	416,637	873,125	507,283	29	58·10

Name of Colony.	Estimated Number of Distinct Children Attending during the Year.	Expenditure on State Education.							
		Cost of Instruction and Administration.						Construction and Maintenance of Buildings.	
		Contributed by—		Total.*	Per Head of Mean Population.	Per head of Scholars in Average Attendance.	Rent.	From Revenue.	From Loans.
		State.†	Parents, &c., in Fees.						
		£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£
Victoria ...	212,164	591,722	4,822 ³	596,544	0 10 2	4 8 5	2,048	17,156	544
New South Wales ...	227,561	551,775	73,093	624,868	0 9 4	4 8 2	1,162	77,693	26,199
Queensland ...	88,691	211,801	...	211,801	0 8 7	3 12 8	...	19,938	...
South Australia ...	61,763	135,041	1,499	136,540	0 7 6	3 9 10	1,871	5,366	10,730
Western Australia ...	11,000 ¹	51,079	4,516	55,595	0 6 7	5 1 10	467	38,096	...
Total ...	601,179	1,541,418	83,930	1,625,348	0 9 2	4 4 5	5,548	158,249	37,473
Tasmania ...	17,136	31,822	10,210	42,032	0 4 10	3 10 0	310	980	4,725
New Zealand ‡	150,000 ¹	439,682	6,313 ⁴	445,995	0 12 1	4 0 11	...	52,720	...
Grand Total	768,315	2,012,922	100,453	2,113,375	0 9 6	4 3 4	5,858	211,949	42,198

NOTE.—The State system of education is now compulsory and undenominational (or secular) in all the colonies, Western Australia having been the last to abolish grants to denominational schools by commuting them in 1896 for a lump sum of £15,000. Public instruction is free in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and New Zealand; but fees are charged in the other colonies, although they are partially or entirely remitted in cases where the parents are unable to pay them. The prescribed school age differs in the various colonies—In Victoria it is from 6 to 13 years; in New South Wales and Western Australia, from 6 to 14; in Queensland, from 6 to 12; in South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, from 7 to 13. For further particulars relating to the educational systems of the various colonies, see *Victorian Year-Book*.

* The figures under this head represent the cost of State (Primary) Education, including expenditure on Head Office, staff, and inspection. † Portions of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, &c., viz., £6,904 in South Australia, and £38,024 in New Zealand.

‡ Exclusive of Maori schools having an average weekly enrolment of 3,056 scholars (1,704 boys and 1,352 girls), and an average daily attendance of 2,341. The expenditure on buildings during the year was £5,585. In New Zealand there are also 25 endowed (secondary) schools with 146 teachers and a daily attendance of 2,502 scholars.

¹ These figures have been estimated in the office of the Government Statist, Melbourne.

² Exclusive of 191 sewing mistresses.

³ For extra subjects.

⁴ In the figures for New Zealand, amounts received by Boards from local sources and sums raised locally by School Committees are also included.

TABLE XXXV.—PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1898.

Colony.	Number of Schools.	Teachers.			Gross Enrolment of Scholars.			Amount of Contributions by State.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Victoria ...	945	436	2,004	2,440	20,551	23,375	43,926	£
New South Wales ...	956	567	2,702	3,269	25,792	32,387	58,179	...
Queensland ...	181	114	484	598	5,654	7,509	13,163	...
South Australia ...	238	206	546	752	5,816	6,233	12,049	10,000
Western Australia* ...	58	34	146	180	1,885	2,661	4,546	...
Total ...	2,378	1,357	5,882	7,239	59,698	72,165	131,863	10,000
Tasmania ...	246	†	†	†	4,706	5,267	9,973	...
New Zealand ...	294	124	655	779	6,043	8,739	14,782	...
Gand Total	2,918	...	...	...	70,447	86,171	156,618	10,000

* Figures for 1897.—† Information not collected.

TABLE XXXVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1898-9.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Name of Colony.	Total Area.				Number of Acres under—											
	Under Crops.		Under Cultivation.		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.*	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Artificial Grasses.	Green Forage.	Land in Fallow.	Other Tillage.
	Acres.	Per Head of Population.	Acres.	Per Head of Population.												
Victoria ..	3,210,445	2.73	3,877,922	3.30	2,154,163	266,159	47,859	10,647	13,246	41,252	565,345	27,568	150,157	19,805	517,242	64,479
New South Wales ..	2,206,500	1.64	2,555,320	1.90	1,319,503	19,874	4,159	193,286	3,379	27,978	461,784	8,078	348,829	80,307	..	87,852
Queensland ..	363,254	.73	421,830	.85	40,219	271	2,944	102,835	1,162	7,961	35,263	2,020	12,543	26,980	46,033	137,599
South Australia ..	2,211,814	6.09	2,967,370	8.18	1,788,770	25,823	16,962	..	3,491	6,653	316,413	19,159	20,946	10,151	734,610	24,392
Western Australia ..	171,777	1.02	215,960	1.29	75,032	3,073	2,185	110	700	1,675	79,223	2,961	2,590	564	41,593	6,253
	8,163,790	2.30	10,038,411	2.83	5,383,687	315,200	74,410	306,878	21,978	85,519	1,458,028	59,786	535,065	137,807	1,339,478	320,575
Tasmania ..	258,542	1.46	532,267	3.00	85,287	59,509	5,693	..	11,120	20,241	49,277	..	238,799	1,972	34,926	25,443
New Zealand ..	1,964,022	2.64	2,015,186	2.71	399,034	417,320	45,671	18,539	11,904	38,604	75,620	357	431,917†	51,164	525,056	..
Grand Total ..	10,386,354	2.32	12,585,864	2.81	5,868,008	792,029	125,774	325,417	45,002	144,364	1,582,925	60,143	773,864	571,696	1,425,568	871,074

NOTE.—Land in fallow is not included in New South Wales; and land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in New Zealand. See also Note †.

* Chiefly beans and pease.

† In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 10,036,549 acres—of which about one-half had been, and the other half had not been, previously ploughed—is not entered as green forage, nor is it included in the total area under tillage, as in the majority of the other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 12,000,571 acres, or to 16.13 acres per head of the population. The green forage entered above consists of 9,945 acres of green oats, 193 acres of green wheat, 996 acres of rye, 1,874 acres of barley, 416,024 acres of turnips, 1,480 acres of green maize, 102 acres of pease, 113 acres of vetches or tares, 83 acres of other crops, and 1,107 acres for ensilage. In Victoria, in like manner, there are large tracts of land under permanent artificial grasses, which are not included; it is only returned for holdings on which other cultivation also exists.

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS (INCLUDED IN "OTHER TILLAGE").

a.—Area in Acres.

Name of Colony.	Root Crops. ¹				Tobacco.	Hops.	Sugar Cane.		Oranges.		Grass Seeds.	Market Gardens.	Other Gardens and Orchards.
	Turnips.	Mangel-wurzel.	Beet, Carrots, and Parsnips.	Onions.			Total.	Productive.	Total.	Productive.			
Victoria ..	2	1,008	2,122	4,472	78	847	..	..	583 ¹	..	2,220	9,073	41,448
New South Wales ..	519	68	..	331	1,405	..	24,759	14,578	14,389	10,487	..	7,026	31,738
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	617	..	111,012	82,391	2,272	?	..	..	3,501
South Australia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,422	?	..	..	22,390
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	424	141	..	1,437	4,124
Tasmania ..	4,857	1,540	194	151	..	533	..	..	..	..	4,759	..	12,277
New Zealand ..	2	..	..	..	..	947	..	..	..	..	118,878	3,438	36,118

b.—Produce.

	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	cwt.	tons of Sugar.	cwt. ⁴	bushels.	Bees.	
										Honey. lbs.	Wax. lbs.
Victoria ..	..	9,701	14,926	17,308	190 ³	6,849	..	7,796	23,088	881,121	22,213
New South Wales ..	2,456	292	..	1,019	12,706	..	23,658	199,980	..	2,974,830	52,904
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	3,276	..	163,734	38,966	..	..	..
South Australia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,829	..	886,084	?
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	245	..	..	..	?	..	47,487	3,205
Tasmania ..	58,653	29,758	2,708	746	..	5,371	..	..	109,628	..	..
New Zealand ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	158,020	..	..

¹ Area estimated from the number of trees, which alone were returned, assuming 75 orange trees to the acre.

² In Victoria turnips are included with beet, &c. In New Zealand the area under that crop was 416,024 acres, which was included with green forage.

³ Produce estimated, returns being incomplete.

⁴ Produce originally returned in cases in New South Wales and South Australia, and in dozens in Queensland, which have been converted into cwt. on the assumption that a case weighs 40 lbs. and contains 14 dozen oranges.

[For continuation of notes, see next page.]

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS—continued.

Crops peculiar to individual colonies—			New South Wales—		Area (Acres).		Produce.	
Victoria—	Area (Acres).	Produce.	Pumpkins and melons	..	5,217	..	17,944 tons	
Sugar beet	1,677	{ Unde- fined roots. Fibre Seed	Queensland—					
Flax	72		Arrowroot .. ..	..	455	tubers	6,116 tons	
Fruit gathered for sale—			Coffee .. ..	..	432	..	56,552 lbs.	
Apples		Cotton .. ..	..	I	..	50 "	
Pears		Sweet potatoes .. ..	..	3,696	..	20,069 tons	
Quinces		Fruit—					
Plums		Bananas .. ..	..	5,264	..	46,547,090 dozen	
Cherries		Pineapples .. ..	..	1,130	..	462,752 "	
Peaches		South Australia—					
Apricots		Almond trees, No. 130,801 .. ..	..	..	..	1,325 cwt.	
Lemons		Olive " " 57,337 .. ..	..	..	oil	3,180 gallons	
Figs		Lemon " " 63,654 .. ..	..	..	..	6,860 cases	
Raspberries		Raisins .. ..	..	..	..	6,190 cwt.	
Strawberries		Currants (Dried) .. ..	..	..	..	—
Gooseberries		Western Australia—					
Olives		Other root crops .. ..	..	128	..	457 tons	
Currants (red, white, black)	..		Tasmania—					
Melons		Flax .. ..	..	35	..	18,910 lbs.	
Rhubarb		Fruit—					
Tomatoes		Apples .. ..	..	8,373	..	363,915 bushels	
Almonds		Pears .. ..	..	1,255	..	33,738 "	
Walnuts		New Zealand—					
Dried Fruit produced—			Linseed .. ..	..	469	..	—	
Apples							
Prunes							
Peaches							
Apricots							
Figs							
Raisins							
Currants							

TABLE XXXVII.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1898-9.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.		Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
		Wheat.*	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.†	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria .. ..	...	19,581,304	5,523,419	1,112,567	587,064	237,361	161,142	723,299	1,882,209
New South Wales .. ..	...	9,286,216	278,007	64,094	6,064,842	56,599	61,900	334,287	845,232
Queensland .. ..	...	607,012	4,047	34,865	2,252,481	42,007	16,413	70,235	134,334
South Australia .. ..	...	8,778,900	304,002	234,135	...	51,151	14,445	258,518	1,080,772
Western Australia .. ..	...	870,909	55,854	29,295	1,365	7,726	5,698	77,297	113,799
		39,124,341	6,165,329	1,474,956	8,905,752	394,844	259,598	1,463,636	4,056,346
Tasmania .. ..	...	2,303,512	2,271,070	184,225	...	237,666	88,166	82,448	...
New Zealand .. ..	...	13,073,416	16,511,388	1,677,908	813,379	340,993	298,561	151,240‡	...
Grand Total .. ..	...	54,501,269	24,947,787	3,337,089	9,719,131	973,503	646,325	1,697,324	4,056,346

Name of Colony.		Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria .. ..	...	9'09	20'75	23'25	55'14	17'92	3'91	1'28
New South Wales .. ..	...	7'04	13'99	14'37	31'38	16'75	2'21	'72
Queensland .. ..	...	13'13	14'93	11'84	21'90	36'15	2'06	1'99
South Australia .. ..	...	4'90	11'77	13'80	...	14'65	2'17	'82
Western Australia .. ..	...	11'61	18'18	13'40	12'40	11'04	3'40	'98
		7'27	19'56	19'82	29'02	17'96	3'04	1'00
Tasmania .. ..	...	27'01	38'16	32'36	...	21'37	4'35	1'67
New Zealand .. ..	...	32'76	39'56	36'74	43'88	28'65	7'73	2'00‡
Grand Total .. ..	...	9'30	31'50	26'53	29'87	21'63	4'48	1'07

* In 1899-1900 the wheat crop was as follows for the colonies named, the figures being subject to revision :—Victoria, 15,205,350 bushels
New South Wales, 13,586,277 ; South Australia 8,453,135 ; New Zealand (expected), 7,700,000 bushels.
† Chiefly pease and beans.
‡ Estimated.

TABLE XXXVIII.—LIVE STOCK, 1898-9.

*** The Live Stock Statistics are collected in most of the colonies simultaneously with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March.

Name of Colony.	Number of—				
	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	Total all kinds.		
Victoria	431,547*	399,617	1,833,900*	12,300,000	337,588*
New South Wales	491,553	416,053	2,029,516	41,241,004	247,061
Queensland	480,469	†	5,571,292	17,552,608	127,081
South Australia Proper	161,774	76,709	260,343	5,012,620	60,132
Do., Northern Territory	15,406	971	353,551	64,076	1,710
Western Australia	62,442	21,141	245,907	2,244,880	39,284
Tasmania	29,797	37,825	148,558	1,493,638	45,274
New Zealand	258,115	333,536	1,203,024	19,348,506	193,512
Total	1,931,103	...	11,646,091	99,257,332	1,051,642

Name of Colony.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria *	4'91	37	4'55	34	20'87	156	140	1,046	3'84	29
New South Wales	1'59	37	1'35	31	6'56	151	133	3,063	'80	18
Queensland	'72	96	?	?	8'34	1,118	26	3,521	'19	25
South Australia Proper	'43	45	'20	21	'69	72	13	1,382	'16	17
Do., Northern Territory	'03	314	...	20	'68	7,211	'1	1,307	...	35
Western Australia	'06	37	'02	13	'25	146	2'3	1,335	'04	23
Tasmania	1'13	17	1'43	21	5'63	84	57	842	1'71	26
New Zealand	2'47	35	3'19	45	11'52	162	185	2,602	1'85	26
Total	'63	43	?	?	3'79	260	33	2,217	'34	23

* Figures for 1895, except in the case of dairy cows, which have been returned, and sheep, which have been roughly estimated.
† Dairy cow included with total.

TABLE XXXIX.—WOOL PRODUCTION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Wool Imported.			Wool Exported.			Wool used in Manufacture in the Colony.		Wool Production, 1898.						Proportion of Exports of Wool to Total General Exports.	Average Export Price of Greasy Wool per lb.
	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.	Value at 9d. per lb.	Quantity.		Value.					
	Greasy.	Washed or Scoured.		Greasy.	Washed or Scoured.				Total Greasy, Washed, and Scoured.	Equivalent in Grease.*	Total.	Average per Head of Population.				
	lbs.	lbs.	£	lbs.	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	lbs.	£	£ s. d.	p. c.	d.		
Victoria ..	58,416,883	7,209,512	1,808,492	117,658,233	14,192,327	4,036,968	2,685,803	100,717	68,909,968	75,892,783	2,329,193	1 19 9	25'43	6½		
New South Wales	25,150,623	6,740,541	1,088,888	230,812,486	50,135,920	9,457,535	731,661	27,415	249,788,303	271,864,300	8,396,062	6 5 10	34'21	7		
Queensland ..	217,856	17,323	8,902	56,627,356	30,186,783	3,018,098	500,000	18,750	87,078,960	102,163,690	3,027,946	6 3 0	27'80	6½		
South Australia proper	6,567,837	2,042,058	258,479	36,761,431	5,170,589	1,167,181	..	..	33,322,132	34,886,397	908,702	2 10 9	17'18	6
Do., Northern Territory	..	..	..	517,460	..	14,275	..	..	517,460	517,460	14,275	2 18 3	7'82	6½
Western Australia	..	..	..	9,518,229	588,077	287,731	..	..	10,126,306	10,420,344	287,731	1 14 0	5'80	6½
Total ..	90,353,192	16,009,434	3,164,761	451,915,195	100,273,696	17,981,788	3,916,864	146,882	449,743,129	495,744,974	14,963,909	4 4 9	27'12	7		
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	7,792,976	..	254,960	634,000	23,775	8,426,976	8,426,976	278,735	1 11 11	14'14	7½
New Zealand	8,930	..	251	117,447,498	31,938,317	4,645,804	3,763,831	141,144	153,140,716	174,432,927	4,786,686	6 10 0	44'17	7		
Grand Total	90,362,122	16,009,434	3,165,022	577,155,669	132,212,013	22,882,552	8,314,695	311,801	611,310,821	678,604,877	20,029,330	4 10 2	29'10	7		

* Estimated on the assumption that the actual loss on the washed and greasy wool as exported from the various colonies was as follows:—In Victoria and Tasmania, 50 per cent.; in New Zealand, 40 per cent.; and in the other colonies, 33½ per cent. It is, of course, assumed that in many cases the wool is not scoured clean, fit for the manufacturer.

NOTE.—Net export of wool in 1899:—Victoria, 58,810,469 lbs., valued at £3,350,351; New South Wales, 205,333,794 lbs., valued at £10,149,563; South Australia, 35,068,098 lbs., valued at £1,496,462; Western Australia, 9,948,417 lbs., valued at £423,296; Tasmania, 8,584,140 lbs., valued at £357,065; and New Zealand, 147,159,391 lbs., valued at £4,324,171.

TABLE XL.—CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT EXPORTED, 1898.

(Less Imports from other Colonies.)

Name of Colony.	Beef.		Mutton.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	centals.	£	centals.	£
Victoria	7,983	9,757	83,618	77,757
New South Wales	68,024	45,541	536,210	284,784
Queensland	573,845	660,800	12,247	12,947
South Australia ... ..	...	...	10,793	13,600
	649,852	716,098	642,868	389,088
New Zealand	106,734	104,052	1,498,756*	1,492,547
Grand Total	756,586	820,150	2,141,624	1,881,635

NOTE.—There were no exports from Tasmania or Western Australia. A cental is equal to 100 lbs.

* Of this, 28 per cent. was lamb.

TABLE XLI.—BREADSTUFFS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1898.

Colony.	Wheat, Flour, and Biscuit.*		Excess of—	
	Imported.	Exported.	Imports over Exports.	Exports over Imports.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Victoria	781,032	2,636,983	...	1,855,951
New South Wales	1,556,270	2,701,388	...	1,145,118
Queensland	2,131,255	6,915	2,124,340	...
South Australia †	66,384	1,238,632	...	1,172,248
Western Australia	1,046,966	...	1,046,966	...
	5,581,907	6,583,918	...	1,002,011†
Tasmania	561	198,244	...	197,683
New Zealand	87,916	49,658	38,258	...
Grand Total	5,670,384	6,831,820	...	1,161,436†

NOTE.—In Victoria, during 1899, the quantity imported was 242,053 bushels (including 929 bushels in the form of bread and dough); whilst that exported was 10,904,064 bushels, thus resulting in a net export of 10,662,011 bushels.

* Including bread and dough. For Victoria the quantities have been reduced to their equivalent in bushels of wheat, on the assumption that 38·937 lbs. of flour, 46 lbs. of biscuit, 53½ lbs. of bread, or 59 lbs. of dough are equivalent to 1 bushel of wheat. For the other colonies 40 lbs. of flour, biscuit, bread, or dough have been taken as the equivalent of 1 bushel of wheat.

† Exclusive of Northern Territory.

‡ Net figures.

TABLE XLII.—BUTTER AND CHEESE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Butter.				Cheese.			
	Imported.	Exported.	Net Exports.*		Imported.	Exported.	Net Exports.*	
			Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.			Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.
Quantity.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	1,263,952	18,678,606	17,414,654	15,706,230	246,892	298,591	51,699	36,007
New South Wales ...	1,367,760	9,127,181	7,759,421	6,505,157	2,122,112	451,587	-1,670,525	73,857
Queensland ...	33,934	976,463	942,529	630,849	88,214	30,601	-57,613	-304
South Australia proper ...	820,829	1,137,051	316,222	387,249	222,392	157,310	-65,082	-12,297
Ditto, Northern Territory ...	14,855	...	-14,855	-690	5,955	...	-5,955	-748
Western Australia ...	4,102,312	112	-4,102,200	-47,182	1,005,357	3,467	-1,001,890	-12,991
Total ...	7,603,642	29,919,413	22,315,771	23,181,613	3,690,922	941,556	-2,749,366	83,524
Tasmania ...	862,672	3,406	-859,266	...	130,255	...	-130,255	-241
New Zealand ...	84,336	10,841,712	10,757,376	9,064,832	1,344	7,695,632	7,694,288	4,715,872
Grand Total ...	8,550,650	40,764,531	32,213,881	32,246,445	3,822,521	8,637,188	4,814,667	4,799,155
Value.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	65,610	736,325	670,715	601,708	6,189	7,377	1,188	323
New South Wales ...	65,228	385,030	319,802	268,113	42,762	9,960	-32,802	663
Queensland ...	1,507	37,586	36,079	21,308	2,405	735	-1,670	-41
South Australia proper ...	36,917	48,744	11,827	14,479	5,924	4,479	-1,445	-701
Ditto, Northern Territory ...	1,044	...	-1,044	-29	193	...	-193	-33
Western Australia ...	195,467	7	-195,460	-2,304	21,058	103	-20,955	-553
Total ...	365,773	1,207,692	841,919	903,275	78,531	22,654	-55,877	-342
Tasmania ...	37,246	145	-37,101	...	2,590	...	-2,590	-11
New Zealand ...	4,035	403,690	399,655	323,346	58	135,776	135,718	81,631
Grand Total ...	407,054	1,611,527	1,204,473	1,226,621	81,179	158,430	77,251	81,278

NOTE.—Net export of butter in 1899:—Victoria, 36,226 948 lbs.

* The minus sign (—) indicates a net import.

TABLE XLIII.—BUTTER, CHEESE, AND BACON AND HAM PRODUCED, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Produced in Factories only.				Bacon and Ham Cured in Factories and on Farms.	
	Butter.		Cheese.		Total.	Per Head of Population.
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.		
Quantity.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	26,886,860	22·92	2,289,170	1·95	8,931,112	7·61
New South Wales * ...	26,522,467	19·87	2,220,445	1·66	7,184,058	5·38
Queensland ...	4,589,934	9·32	1,486,534	3·02	6,973,007	14·16
Total ...	57,999,261	19·33	5,996,149	2·00	23,088,177	7·69
Tasmania ...	462,591	2·65	113,343	·65	188,912	1·08
New Zealand † ...	10,037,440	13·90	10,109,120	14·00	3,814,720	5·29
Grand Total ...	68,499,292	17·58	16,218,612	4·16	27,091,809	6·95

* Including the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was not so included in Victoria.

† Figures for 1897, no later figures being available.

NOTE.—Particulars for South Australia are not available. In New Zealand, in 1891, the production of butter in factories and on farms was 16,310,012 lbs., of which 1,969,759 lbs. was produced in factories; and that of cheese was 6,975,698 lbs., of which 4,390,400 lbs. was made in factories. In addition to the quantities shown in the table, large quantities were also returned as having been made on farms in the following colonies:—

Name of Colony.	Made on Farms.		Total for Colony.	
	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria	7,193,450	2,108,199	34,080,310	4,397,369
New South Wales	4,901,134 ^a	1,024,807 ^a	31,483,601	3,245,312
Queensland	1,847,322	357,269	6,437,256	1,843,803

^a Excluding the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was reckoned as having been made in factories.

TABLE XLIV.—GOLD PRODUCTION.

Name of Colony.	Prior to 1898.			During 1898.			Total.		
	Quantity.		Value.*	Quantity.		Value.*	Quantity.		Value.*
	Unrefined ozs.	Equivalent in fine ozs.		Unrefined ozs.	Equivalent in fine ozs.		Unrefined ozs.	Equivalent in fine ozs.	
			£			£			£
Victoria ...	61,847,448	58,323,723	247,389,792	837,257	789,555	3,349,028	62,684,705	59,113,278	250,738,820
New South Wales	12,009,833	10,488,419	44,488,371	340,493	288,644	1,224,330	12,350,326	10,777,063	45,712,701
Queensland ...	12,006,919	9,842,687	41,749,399	920,048	648,412	2,750,349	12,926,967	10,491,099	44,499,748
South Australia †	565,844	496,506	2,106,014	31,961	22,430	95,143	597,805	518,936	2,201,157
Western Australia	1,753,950	1,571,320	6,665,015	1,050,184 ^a	940,832	3,990,698	2,804,134	2,512,152	10,655,713
Total ...	88,183,994	80,722,655	342,398,591	3,179,943	2,689,873	11,409,548	91,363,937	83,412,528	353,808,139
Tasmania ...	966,527	873,746	3,706,141	74,233	66,362	281,485	1,040,760	940,108	3,987,626
New Zealand ...	13,565,552	12,582,939	53,372,634	280,175	254,780	1,080,691	13,845,727	12,837,719	54,453,325
Grand Total	102,716,073	94,179,340	399,477,366	3,534,351	3,011,015	12,771,724	106,250,424	97,190,355	412,249,090

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland express the quantity and value of all the gold known to have been raised in those colonies since the period of its first discovery in Australia in 1851; those for South Australia are estimated chiefly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total gold entered for duty for export from the earliest period; and those for Tasmania express the quantity known to have been raised since 1866, there being no record of the gold raised prior to that period. There being no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, the yield prior to 1889 has been estimated roughly at 100,000 ozs., to which have been added the quantities which have since appeared in the export returns of the colony, which, however, are admittedly very defective. The yield in 1899 was as follows, so far as available:—

YIELD FOR 1899.					
		ozs.			ozs.
Victoria ..	..	854,500		Western Australia ..	1,643,836
New South Wales ..	..	509,418		Tasmania ..	83,992
Queensland ..	..	947,626		New Zealand ..	389,558

* The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value is set down as £4 per oz., in Western Australia as £3 16s., and in Queensland as £3 10s. per oz. Standard gold (i.e., 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d. and pure gold £4 4s. 11½d. per oz. to the Mint, but commercially the latter may be reckoned at £4 4s. 10d.

† Including Northern Territory.

^a Quantity declared for export only.

TABLE XLV.—COAL RAISED, 1898.

Colony.	Coal Raised.		Average Price at Pit's Mouth at end of Year.
	Quantity.	Value at Pit's Mouth.	
	tons.	£	s. d.
Victoria ...	245,728	103,866	8 5
New South Wales	4,706,251	1,271,832	5 5
Queensland ...	407,934	150,493	7 5
Western Australia	3,250	1,625	10 0
Total ...	5,363,163	1,527,816	5 8
Tasmania ...	49,116	19,454	7 11
New Zealand ...	907,033	453,517	10 0
Grand Total	6,319,312	2,000,787	6 4

NOTE.—No coal was produced in South Australia.

TABLE XLVI.—MINERAL PRODUCTION (OTHER THAN GOLD AND COAL), 1898.

Name of Colony.	Silver.		Silver-lead, &c.		Copper.		Tin.		Other Minerals.	Total.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Value.	Value.
	ozs.	£	tons.	£	tons.	£	tons.	£	£	£
Victoria	81,911	9,215	20	240	...	...	87	3,913	25,290	38,658
New South Wales	533,059	59,278	398,569	1,644,777	*	280,887	*	60,600	250,326	2,295,868
Queensland	104,021	10,585	248	2,480	62	2,166	1,025	36,502	10,136	61,869
South Australia—Proper ... ..	...	...	*	950	5,307†	248,857	...	...	4,366	254,173
„ Northern Territory ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	120	...	120
Western Australia .. ..	...	...	5	33	355	4,266	68	2,760	...	7,059
Tasmania	606,123	65,663	20,159	205,230	4,783	382,640	2,837	115,762	...	769,295
New Zealand	293,851	33,107	...	...	2	70	...	...	592,276‡	625,453
Grand Total	1,618,965	177,848	...	1,853,710	...	918,886	...	219,657	882,394	4,052,495

* Quantity not given.

† Including 536 tons of ore.

‡ Including Kauri gum, £586,767.

TABLE XLVII.—INTERCHANGE OF COIN AND BULLION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Net Export of Gold.				Net Export of Silver.			
	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.		Coin.	Bullion.†	Silver-lead Ore.	Total.
			Value.	Per cent. of Total Production.				
	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Victoria	5,643,168	- 2,346,386	3,296,782	98·4	- 44,388	- 1,306	...	- 45,694
New South Wales	2,864,264	- 1,508,682	1,355,582	110·7	- 27,330	29,651	1,681,133	1,683,454
Queensland	- 42,067	2,832,656	2,790,589	101·5	- 10,454	663	2,667	- 7,124
South Australia *	465,700	158,857	624,557†	656·4	- 7,200	634,064‡	149,348	776,212
Western Australia	- 120,000	3,990,485	3,870,485	97·0	- 210	- 206	...	- 416
	8,811,065	3,126,930	11,937,995	104·6	- 89,582	662,866	1,833,148	2,406,432
Tasmania	62,991	184,865	247,856	88·1	- 11,715	...	167,618	155,903
New Zealand	47,000	1,080,691	1,127,691	104·3	2,756	33,011	...	35,767
Grand Total	8,921,056	4,392,486	13,313,542	104·2	- 98,541	695,877	2,000,766	2,598,102

NOTE.—The minus (−) sign, wherever it appears, denotes a “net import.”

* Including Northern Territory.

† There is evidently some discrepancy in the official returns, showing a large exportation of gold coin and bullion from South Australia, which (except to a small extent in the Northern Territory), is not a gold-producing colony.

‡ The bulk of the Silver exported from New South Wales and Tasmania goes out in the form of Silver-lead Ore. The large exportation from South Australia (which is not a silver-producing country), is due to the reduction in that colony of large quantities of ore, &c., imported from Broken Hill, in New South Wales.

TABLE XLVIII.—CONSUMPTION OF SIX LEADING DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA, 1898.

Colony.	Spirits (thousands of gallons).			Beer (thousands of gallons).				Wine (thousands of gallons).				Tobacco (thousands of lbs.).				Tea (thousands of lbs.).			Sugar—Tons.			
	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local, Paid Excise Duty.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local, Paid Excise Duty.	Less Drawbacks.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local Production.*	Less Drawbacks and Exports of Home Produce.†	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.‡	Paid Excise Duty.	Less Drawbacks and Unmanufactured, Duty Paid.‡	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Less Drawbacks.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local Production.*	Less Drawbacks and Exports of Home Produce.‡	Total.
Victoria ...	659,	193,	852,	504,	13,646,	...	14,150,	38,	1,919,	222, ^l	1,735,	2,085,	1,288,	970, ^u	2,403,	9,900,	1,803,	8,097,	55,803	617	469 ^d	55,951
New South Wales ...	980,	4,	984,	1,603,	11,675,	26, ^d	13,252,	78,	865,	{ 23, ^l 1, ^d }	919,	2,302,	2,225,	1,096, ^u	3,431,	12,086, [§]	2,643, [§]	9,443,	30,617	23,658	{ 33 ^l 613 ^d }	53,629
Queensland ...	429,	70,	499,	434,	4,651,	...	5,085,	47,	207,	...	254,	835,	573,	48, ^u	1,360,	3,410,	...	3,410,	159	163,734	124,460 ^l	39,433
South Australia ...	112,	71,	183,	147,	3,092,	...	3,239,	4,	1,283,	513, ^l	774,	630,	...	...	630,	3,017,	...	3,017,	15,575	...	...	15,575
Western Australia	257,	...	257,	725,	3,278,	...	4,003,	62,	89,	...	151,	775,	...	...	775,	1,602, [§]	...	1,602,	8,246	...	...	8,246
Tasmania ...	73,	...	73,	59,	1,271,	...	1,330,	18,	...	...	18,	334,	...	...	334,	1,012,	...	1,012,	7,432	...	...	7,432
Total ...	2,510,	338,	2,848,	3,472,	37,613,	26,	41,059,	247,	4,363,	759,	3,851,	6,961,	4,086,	2,114,	8,933,	31,027,	4,446,	26,581,	117,832	188,009	125,575	180,266

* In these cases, there being no excise duty, the quantity produced in the colony is given instead.

† Unmanufactured tobacco imported which is included with the imports is also deducted, being distinguished by the letter *u*.

‡ Quantities, the produce or manufacture of the colony exported, is also deducted in these cases, being distinguished by the letter *l* from drawbacks *d*.

§ Quantities imported and exported in each case, there being no import duty on tea in the case of New South Wales and Western Australia.

TABLE XLVIII.—CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OF SIX LEADING DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1891 TO 1898.

		Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia and Tasmania.
Spirits (galls.) ...	1891	1'18	1'16	1'15	'65	1'46	'70	1'08
	1892	1'00	1'02	1'07	'67	1'55	'51	'97
	1893	'59	'82	'95	'56	1'40	'42	'73
	1894	'63	'77	'91	'53	1'45	'37	'71
	1895	'55	'74	'91	'55	1'78	'37	'69
	1896	'74	'73	'91	'55	2'16	'38	'77
	1897	'68	'70	'86	'52	1'80	'38	'73
	1898	'73	'74	1'01	'50	1'52	'42	'77
Beer (galls.) ...	1891	16'32	11'39	10'48	...	...	9'97	...
	1892	14'46	11'19	9'31	...	...	9'43	...
	1893	11'28	9'33	8'75	...	...	7'94	...
	1894	11'07	9'07	8'99	...	...	6'99	...
	1895	11'15	9'04	10'91	9'05	...	7'13	...
	1896	11'44	9'22	13'03	9'22	21'04	7'19	10'76
	1897	11'50	9'59	12'04	8'77	24'31	7'15	10'95
	1898	12'06	9'93	10'32	8'92	23'65	7'62	11'00
Wine (galls.) ...	1891	1'72	'84	'64	1'51	4'10	'21	1'22
	1892	1'22	'86	'55	1'47	3'29	'13	1'02
	1893	1'19	'83	'55	1'00	2'83	'09	'94
	1894	1'09	'65	'30	1'32	1'35	'08	'81
	1895	1'37	'63	'48	2'32	1'32	'09	1'02
	1896	1'62	'73	'60	3'32	1'35	'09	1'26
	1897	2'16	'65	'44	3'41	'98	'09	1'37
	1898	1'48	'69	'52	2'13	'89	'10	1'04
Tobacco (lbs.) ...	1891	2'40	2'91	4'74	2'05	4'41	2'20	2'86
	1892	2'35	2'86	3'22	2'00	3'61	1'95	2'61
	1893	2'21	2'54	2'65	1'97	3'29	1'78	2'36
	1894	1'93	2'42	4'25	1'85	4'02	1'61	2'43
	1895	2'19	2'53	2'84	1'86	4'20	1'87	2'38
	1896	2'06	2'50	2'73	1'71	5'81	1'82	2'40
	1897	2'05	2'49	2'65	1'72	5'10	1'76	2'37
	1898	2'05	2'57	2'76	1'74	4'58	1'91	2'41
Tea (lbs.) ...	1891	8'01	7'92	8'17	7'45	10'45	6'18	7'91
	1892	7'63	8'33	7'72	7'50	9'80	7'19	7'85
	1893	6'64	8'25	7'44	7'47	8'41	5'93	7'41
	1894	6'37	8'58	7'17	7'52	9'98	5'69	7'43
	1895	6'65	8'28	6'76	7'83	6'03	6'15	7'33
	1896	6'94	6'04	7'09	8'13	11'58	5'70	6'86
	1897	6'60	7'32	6'68	7'67	8'87	5'34	7'00
	1898	6'90	7'07	6'92	8'31	9'46	5'80	7'17
Sugar and Molasses (lbs.)*	1891	87'85	83'34	56'95	96'37	97'84	77'56	82'75
	1892	107'09	94'19	125'03	94'57	85'89	82'86	101'84
	1893	78'40	78'87	125'38	100'30	76'91	80'74	86'95
	1894	92'77	97'20	137'13	97'76	103'26	73'58	99'76
	1895	91'39	88'78	92'85	94'98	64'05	87'88	90'00
	1896	97'01	100'23	119'39	97'34	117'21	84'80	101'12
	1897	98'70	95'00	161'38	98'94	103'85	92'57	105'42
	1898	106'85	89'99	179'31	96'13	109'12	95'38	108'85

* About 10 per cent. of the sugar consumed in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland is used in brewing and distilling.

TABLE XLIX.—BANKS OF ISSUE.—AVERAGE OF QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Number of Banks.*	Paid-up Capital.	Deposits.	Bank Notes in Circulation.	Advances.	Coin and Bullion.
			£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	11	£21,940,959	28,027,140†	904,301	31,766,849	6,705,525
New South Wales ...	13		29,852,710	1,278,940	37,207,731	5,765,182
Queensland ...	11		12,555,675	...	14,076,424	1,826,632
South Australia ...	8		5,752,890	347,201	4,459,673	1,779,546
Western Australia ...	6		3,574,636	321,026	12,789,666	1,804,107
Total ...	18		79,763,051	2,851,468	100,300,343	17,880,992
Tasmania ...	4		2,873,902	121,432	2,426,169	726,844
New Zealand ...	5		13,859,354	1,074,143	3,140,806	2,752,245
Grand Total ...	22		96,496,307	4,047,043	105,867,318	21,360,081

* Net number; many banks do business in more than one colony.

† Inclusive of Perpetual Inscribed Stock, £967,600.

‡ In Queensland, Treasury notes have taken the place of bank notes. On the 30th June, 1898, the value of Treasury notes outstanding was £1,005,960, of which over one-third was represented by gold and coin, one-fourth by Fixed Deposits in Banks, and nearly two-fifths were advanced to Banks at 2 per centum.

TABLE L.—PUBLIC SAVINGS BANKS, 1898.
(Including both Trustee and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.		On the 31st December, 1898.*				Maximum Amount on which Interest is allowed.†	Interest allowed.	
		Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.			Government Banks.	Trustee Banks.
		Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.			
				£	£ s. d.	£	per cent.	per cent.
Victoria	...	345,450	29·39	8,200,966	23 14 10	250	...	2½ and 2†
New South Wales	...	242,365	18·00	9,480,944	39 2 4	200	3	3
Queensland	...	76,001	15·43	3,171,047	41 14 6	200	3	...
South Australia	...	100,763	27·76	3,257,837	32 6 7	250	...	3
Western Australia	...	29,791	17·60	1,072,058	35 19 9	300	3	...
Total	...	794,370	22·34	25,182,852	31 14 0	...	...	...
Tasmania	...	36,619	20·60	788,125	21 10 5	150	3	3
New Zealand	...	199,464	26·83	5,618,758	28 3 5	500	3 and 2½†	3 and 2½†
Grand Total		1,030,453	23·02	31,589,735	30 13 1	...	...	...

NOTE.—There are both Government and Trustee Banks in New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand; Government Savings Banks only in Queensland and Western Australia; and Trustee Banks only in South Australia and Victoria—those in the latter colony being guaranteed by, and under the supervision of, the Government. All the Government Savings Banks are managed by the Postal Departments except that for Queensland. In Victoria the Government and the Trustee Banks were merged into one institution on the 30th September, 1897.

* Except in the case of Queensland and Western Australia, for which the figures relate to 30th June, 1898.
† Exceptions are often made in the case of the funds of Friendly Societies or Charitable Institutions.
‡ Rate is 2½ per cent. for the first £100 or under, and 2 per cent. for any excess over that amount up to £250 in Victoria; and 3 per cent. up to £200, and 2½ per cent. from £200 to £500 in New Zealand.

TABLE LI.—TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS OF VICTORIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

				Victoria, 1898-9.	New South Wales, 1898.	South Australia, 1897-8.
At end of year—						
Depositors ...	...	No.		356,074	78,813	96,401
Deposits ...	...	£		8,517,006	4,454,875	3,069,752
Depositors having at credit—			Percentage.		Percentage.	Percentage.
£20 and under ...	...		77		54	72
£20 to £50 ...	...		9		13	10
£50 to £100 ...	...		6		10	7
£100 to £200 ...	...		5		12	6
£200 to £250 ...	...		1		10	2
£250 to £300 ...	...				
Over £300 ...	...		2		1	3
Earnings during year—			£		£	£
Gross ...	...		243,051		158,864	104,600
Discharges ...	...		44,854		18,218	11,118
Net ...	...		198,197		140,646	93,482
Paid to depositors and accrued interest ...	...		176,356		120,932	86,576
Carried to reserves ...	...		17,027		7,912	5,000
Investments at end of year—			£	Rate of Interest realized.*	£	Rate of Interest realized.*
Deposits with Colonial Treasurer ...	...		478,108	3·00	2,314,258	2·87
Lent on Mortgage ...	...		1,180,954†	3·97	883,879	5·29
Mortgage bonds (Crédit Foncier) ‡	...		623,400	3·00	...	...
Government Securities ...	...		4,108,236§	2·78	5,059	2·64
Municipal Debentures, &c. ...	...		164,390	3·91	162,204	3·58
Bank Deposits ||	...		1,299,988	3·11	1,196,240	3·16
Freeholds acquired by foreclosure ...	...		342,640		...	...
Bank premises ...	...		120,010		41,400	...
Total ...	...		8,317,726		4,603,040	3,006,666
Reserves—						
Reserve fund ...	...		...		210,406	85,000
Depreciation Account ...	...		59,104		3,400	57
Fidelity guarantee fund ...	...		3,374		...	10,000
Profit and loss account ...	...		17,027		3,801	12,578
Total ...	...		79,505		217,607	107,635

* Average during year.
† Including £140,110 loans to farmers under old Act.
‡ Guaranteed by State.
§ Including £2,117,110 for which the Colonial Treasurer's certificate only is held.
|| Exclusive of Bank Working Account, £119,090 in Victoria, £62,029 in New South Wales, and £181,559 in South Australia.

TABLE LII.—ADVANCES BY STATE OR SAVINGS BANKS TO FARMERS, 1898-9.

—				Victoria.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	New Zealand.
During the Year—							
Applications received	...	No.		1,277	...	...	1,599
„ amount	...	£		626,088	...	...	446,880
„ approved	...	No.		643	...	...	1,213
„ amount	...	£		267,695	...	17,765	337,220
„ value of securities	...	£		...	...	...	607,628
Amount advanced	...	£		262,290	91,632	...	281,540
Bonds sold	...	£		244,325	88,800	...	...
Totals to Date—							
Applications approved	...	No.		2,035	...	925	7,050
„ „ amount	...	£		914,265	...	97,815†	2,073,425
Advances outstanding	...	£		759,679	420,297	...	1,434,829
Bonds authorized to be issued	...	£		2,000,000	459,000	100,000	3,000,000
„ outstanding	...	£		768,550*	415,300	100,000	1,500,000
„ „ proceeds realized	...	£		768,550	...	...	1,394,102
Advances—							
Rate of interest charged ‡	...	per cent.		4½	4½	5	5
Maximum term	...	years		3½	42	...	36½
„ amount allowed	...	£		2,000	...	800	3,000
Highest proportion of valuation advanced	...	per cent.		67	60	75 §	60

NOTE.—In several of the colonies institutions or branches of institutions have been established for raising money by the issue of bonds, and making advances therefrom to farmers for extended terms at reduced rates of interest. In Victoria such functions are performed by the Commissioners of Savings Banks (guaranteed by the Government), in South Australia by a State Bank, in Western Australia by an Agricultural Bank, and in New Zealand by the "Government Advances to Settlers Office." In Victoria the Act was passed on 24th December, 1896. The object is to allow of advances being made—(1) To pay off liabilities already existing on land; (2) To pay off any money owing to the Crown; (3) To make improvements on or to improve and develop the agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or pastoral resources of land, &c. Although the Savings Bank Commissioners had tested the system before the Act was passed in 1896, as they had been lending to farmers since April, 1894, under the old Act, the amount so lent being £176,695, and upon these loans all the instalments due up to 30th June, 1897, were fully paid, representing 419 first, 347 second, 238 third, 128 fourth, 58 fifth, and 9 sixth instalments. In South Australia expenses of management during the first quarter amounted to £3,433. In Western Australia the bank which has a capital limited to £100,000 was established in 1895, and is restricted, which is said not to be the case in other colonies, to advances for the further improvement of land (the improvements allowed being clearing, cultivating, ring-barking, fencing, draining, wells of fresh water, reservoirs, buildings, and other improvements which will increase the agricultural and pastoral capabilities of the land); and the maximum advance allowed is £800. In New Zealand the system has been in force since 1894. In Queensland there has been an issue of Government Bank Inscribed Stock amounting to £1,005,950 on 30th June, 1898, but none of this appears to be utilized for advances to farmers, as £670,000 has been applied to the Redemption of Government Debentures and Treasury Bills, and the balance placed in the Queensland National Bank.

Rate of Interest on Mortgages in New Zealand.—According to the return to an order of the Lower House of Parliament in New Zealand, dated 11th August, 1898, the amount of mortgages registered in that colony during the year 1897-8 was £6,702,081, and the amount paid off £5,516,598. The rate of interest was specified in respect to £5,447,000 of the former amount; about £12,000 bore interest at under 4 per cent., £31,000 at 4 per cent., £995,000 at 4½ per cent., £178,000 at 4¾ per cent., £2,030,000 at 5 per cent., £435,000 at 5½ per cent., £824,000 at 6 per cent., £219,000 at 6½ per cent., £16,000 at 6¾ per cent., £354,000 at 7 per cent., £28,000 at 7½ per cent., £215,000 at 8 per cent., £22,000 at 8½ and 9 per cent., £48,000 at 10 per cent., £25,000 at various other rates between 4½ and 7½ per cent., and £5,000 at various rates between 11 and 40 per cent. (averaging 14 per cent.). On the whole, the average rate was slightly under 5½ per cent.

* Three per cents., of which the Savings Banks Department of the institution held £623,400, the balance being held by the public.

† On improvements effected and in progress to the value of £201,483.

‡ Exclusive of payments towards redemption.

§ Of improvements to be effected, but in addition there is the value of the land and improvements previously effected.

TABLE LIII.—CAPITAL AND ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY, 1898.

Colony.				Value of Rateable Property.	
				Capital.	Annual.
				£	£
Victoria	...	...	...	168,456,523	10,134,108
New South Wales *	...	...	...	120,625,600	7,379,350
Queensland	...	...	...	42,537,070	2,659,000†
South Australia	...	...	...	50,175,540	2,508,777
Tasmania	...	...	...	19,261,841	963,092
New Zealand	...	...	...	115,957,137	6,821,000†
Grand Total ‡	...	...	...	517,013,711	30,465,327

* In municipal districts only, not for whole colony. See also page 30 ante.

† Estimated from capital value.

‡ Exclusive of Western Australia, and the unmunicipalized portion of New South Wales, for which the information is not available.

TABLE LIV.—PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1898.

Colony.				Number of Estates.	Sworn Value of Property.
					£
Victoria	...	...	...	3,590	6,269,345
New South Wales	...	...	...	2,231	5,925,366
Queensland	...	...	...	640	1,228,033
South Australia	...	...	...	863	2,375,028
Western Australia	...	...	...	285	658,879
Total	...	...	...	7,609	16,456,651
Tasmania	...	...	...	196	241,426
New Zealand	...	...	...	1,287	2,281,386
Grand Total	...	...	...	9,092	18,979,463

TABLE LV.—LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES IN FORCE AT END OF 1898.

Colony.				Policies.		Amount Assured.	
				Number.	Per 100 of Population.	Total.	Average per Policy.
						£	
Victoria	...	...	...	147,150	12·5	23,533,082	159·9
New South Wales	...	...	...	145,238	10·8	26,230,775	180·6
South Australia	...	...	...	60,044	16·5	7,731,208	128·8
Western Australia	...	...	...	15,359	9·1	3,146,784	204·9
Tasmania	...	...	...	17,091	9·7	2,975,351	174·1
New Zealand *	...	...	...	80,326	10·8	20,706,439	257·8
Total (exclusive of Queensland)	...	...	...	465,208	11·7	84,323,639	181·3

NOTE.—In Victoria there were also 192 annuities for £14,605; in New South Wales, 275 for £19,024; in South Australia, 52 for £2,262; in Western Australia, 1 for £121; in Tasmania, 46 for £2,889; and in New Zealand, about 370 for £25,971.

* Including 37,848 policies for £9,304,741, paid by the Government Insurance Department.

TABLE LVI.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Colony.	Year.	Number of Branches.	Members.		During Year.		Funds.	
			Number.	Per 100 of Population.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Amount.	Average per Member.
					£	£	£	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	1898	1,088	88,726	7·55	326,413	295,210	1,220,276	13 15 1
New South Wales ...	1897	817	69,124	5·22	252,327	218,453	596,463	8 12 7
Queensland ...	1898	328	27,135	5·44	89,092	74,735	201,830	7 8 10
South Australia ...	1895	487	42,703	11·95	165,445	151,563	475,654	11 2 9
Western Australia ...	1898	68	4,543	2·70	15,557	12,976	35,409	7 15 11
Total ...	...	2,788	232,231	6·57	848,834	752,937	2,529,632	10 17 10
Tasmania ...	1898	130	11,871	6·69	37,837	34,639	95,202	8 0 5
New Zealand ...	1897	388	32,670	4·42	125,937	103,565	637,011	19 10 0
Grand Total ...	...	3,306	276,772	6·24	1,012,608	891,141	3,261,845	11 15 9

TABLE LVII.—INMATES OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS ON 31st DECEMBER, 1898.
(Not including Hospitals.)

Colony.	Under 15 years.	15 years or over.	Total.
Victoria	1,809	3,024	4,833
New South Wales	*	*	6,465
Queensland	*	*	1,911
South Australia	105	438	543
Western Australia	350	308	658
Tasmania	13	581	594
New Zealand	208	1,117	1,325
Grand Total ... ..	...	...	16,329

* The ages of inmates in these colonies are not available.

TABLE LVIII.—CRIME, 1898.

Colony.	Number of Offences brought before Magistrates on Arrest or Summons.					Result of Disposal by Magistrates.			In Superior Courts.—Number.			Number of Prisoners in Gaols on 31st December.
	Against the person.	Against property.	Drunkenness.	Other Offences.	Total.	Summarily convicted.		Committed for trial.	Tried.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	
						Drunkenness.	Other Offences.					
Victoria ...	2,236	4,082	13,728	27,930	47,976	8,037	26,787	789	700	446	254	1,211
New South Wales ...	4,320	6,041	19,397	25,684	55,442	19,263	25,613	1,295	1,199	758	441	2,081
Queensland ...	2,098	2,133	7,172	9,085	20,488	7,091	8,542	447	438	248	190	546
South Australia ...	323	656	1,856	3,723	6,558	1,805	3,208	216	172	116	56	295
Western Australia	1,071	1,955	3,100	8,776	14,902	1,630	8,029	330	292	154	138	†668
Total ...	10,048	14,867	45,253	75,198	145,366	37,826	72,179	3,077	2,801	1,722	1,079	4,801
Tasmania ...	344	694	608	2,690	4,336	569	2,794	58	43	33	10	96
New Zealand*	1,395	2,788	5,559	12,492	22,234	5,458	11,184	641	452	351	101	595
Grand Total ...	11,787	18,349	51,420	90,380	171,936	43,853	86,157	3,776	3,296	2,106	1,190	5,492

* Excluding Maoris, of whom 518 were brought before magistrates—349 being summarily convicted, and 71 committed for trial; also 41 in the Superior Courts—35 being convicted and 6 acquitted.
† Daily average for year.

TABLE LIX.—INSOLVENCIES, 1898.

Colony.	Number of Petitions.			Total Liabilities.	Total Assets.
	Compulsory (adjudicated).	Voluntary.	Total.		
Victoria	27	551	578	£ 466,132	£ 224,193
New South Wales	108	677	785	605,563	263,500
Queensland	18	356	374	60,336	16,746
South Australia	6	45	51	23,226	7,971
Western Australia	54	103	157	228,790	171,261
Total	213	1,732	1,945	1,384,047	683,671
Tasmania	12	83	95	22,899	8,491
New Zealand	45	362	407	188,023	90,068
Grand Total	270	2,177	2,447	1,594,969	782,230

NOTE.—This does not take into account compositions with creditors, &c. In 1898, there were in Victoria, besides the above insolvencies, 4 liquidations and 12 compositions; in South Australia, 223 private arrangements; in Queensland, 75 liquidations; and in New Zealand, 5 compositions under their respective Insolvency Acts.

APPENDIX A.

STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1898.

*** Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,500 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is estimated to be 7,740 square miles.

Year.			Estimated Population on the 31st December.			Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).		
			Males.	Females.	Total.				Males.	Females.	Total.
1878	...	...	64,748	52,350	117,098	2,262	2,244	419	1,346	174	1,520
1879	...	...	67,697	52,962	120,659	3,654	3,532	1,356	2,098	288	2,386
1880	...	...	67,598	54,286	121,884	4,103	4,326	1,358	2,500	34	2,534
1881	...	...	71,323	57,188	128,511	4,321	4,411	1,056	1,100	58	1,158
1882	...	...	72,376	57,703	130,079	4,552	4,933	1,280	2,561	511	3,072
1883	...	...	71,540	58,354	129,894	4,649	5,310	1,097	2,013	546	2,559
1884	...	...	71,011	57,512	128,523	4,540	8,592	978	2,292	980	3,272
1885	...	...	69,860	57,419	127,279	4,319	5,775	1,133	1,422	736	2,158
1886	...	...	68,727	57,283	126,010	4,253	5,502	1,155	...	...	1,273
1887	...	...	66,144	58,514	124,658	4,749	4,365	1,167	...	...	276
1888	...	...	66,635	58,806	125,441	4,709	4,236	966	627	190	817
1889	...	...	67,480	57,439	124,919	4,289	4,906	1,102	475	180	655
1890	...	...	67,902	57,780	125,682	3,681	4,035	1,980	968	392	1,360
1891	...	...	67,981	57,421	125,402	4,335	5,948	1,065	993	377	1,370
1892	...	...	68,239	57,203	125,442	4,397	5,679	1,058	1,257	491	1,748
1893	...	...	67,507	55,205	122,712	4,600	5,659	1,106	535	242	777
1894	...	...	67,159	54,708	121,867	4,405	5,151	1,198	871	228	1,099
1895	...	...	66,350	53,895	120,245	4,154	5,812	1,241	1,175	461	1,636
1896	...	...	66,571	53,929	120,500	4,126	4,995	1,129	921	352	1,273
1897	...	...	67,410	54,388	121,798	4,075	4,443	1,303	925	406	1,331
1898	...	...	67,245	54,493	121,738	4,078	4,716	1,404	500	170	670

Year.			Emigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expendi- ture.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports.	Value of Exports.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Raised by Taxation.	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.				
1878	...	...	638	71	709	£ 42,697	£ 18,324	£ 61,021	£ 65,267	£ 100,000	£ 136,608	£ 192,865
1879	...	...	313	32	345	46,260	21,511	67,771	71,108	120,000	142,213	169,040
1880	...	...	170	18	188	46,544	34,134	80,678	91,102	210,000	185,741	229,528
1881	...	...	860	24	884	49,606	37,837	87,443	89,960	254,025	276,040	174,146
1882	...	...	1,066	73	1,139	59,518	51,796	111,314	109,986	254,025	303,329	190,517
1883	...	...	1,251	94	1,345	74,805	32,009	106,814	88,277	254,025	450,595	351,998
1884	...	...	693	60	753	68,162	23,361	91,523	98,468	254,025	434,522	345,344
1885	...	...	1,681	265	1,946	62,985	13,684	76,669	92,209	264,025	294,585	326,750
1886	...	...	...	...	2,113	51,882	12,692	64,574	78,133	264,695	230,742	283,496
1887	...	...	...	...	1,634	41,616	23,300	64,916	73,150	265,389	188,071	281,080
1888	...	...	267	31	298	44,223	20,795	65,018	58,993	253,289	183,222	376,978
1889	...	...	410	187	597	44,316	19,406	63,722	57,710	251,090	189,393	364,282
1890	...	...	239	41	280	46,928	19,889	66,817	60,826	248,989	206,757	364,533
1891	...	...	364	125	489	57,267	13,983	71,250	67,820	246,690	253,049	474,334
1892	...	...	...	...	607	57,282	14,271	71,553	67,652	243,236	253,586	434,791
1893	...	...	396	187	583	58,090	18,684	76,774	85,981	239,682	276,398	355,632
1894	...	...	822	405	1,227	64,556	15,498	80,054	72,203	224,677	285,981	581,652
1895	...	...	522	442	964	63,215	15,025	78,240	76,204	221,037	241,759	332,208
1896	...	...	449	234	683	56,293	17,576	73,869	73,099	217,897	242,492	435,342
1897	...	...	25	9	34	56,474	18,018	74,492	73,232	213,257	248,748	431,860
1898	...	...	537	132	669	72,274	21,890	94,164	87,594	209,216	234,849	534,105

STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1898—continued.

Year.	Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and Sold in each Year.*	Live Stock.					
	Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—					
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.†		
1878	124	23,180	128	24,080	acres. 39,476	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1879	131	28,967	125	28,085	23,559	300	4,000	3,771	50,000
1880	157	32,933	150	32,689	27,562	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1881	164	35,542	160	35,230	75,627	400	5,000	4,769	50,000
1882	163	43,768	165	43,757	65,745	600	5,000	4,000	50,000
1883	198	68,530	193	69,322	31,665	600	5,324	5,373	50,000
1884	150	63,246	144	64,731	38,325	610	4,600	5,869	50,000
1885	124	54,056	135	55,892	26,368	650	5,953	6,350	50,000
1886	118	54,132	113	51,237	14,028	567	6,841	6,055	50,000
1887	119	46,902	118	44,865	8,120	647	6,778	6,508	1,711
1888	106	49,579	110	51,548	6,300	684	6,754	6,996	1,903
1889	89	51,220	81	47,303	5,059	695	8,768	6,838	2,089
1890	79	56,711	89	60,644	2,824	695	6,988	6,800	2,000
1891	101	69,276	97	68,865	...	959	9,861	6,072	1,778
1892	91	71,444	91	67,865	6,935	1,202	9,462	6,050	1,736
1893	92	75,431	85	71,957	2,623	1,381	10,134	5,082	2,116
1894	135	128,622	135	130,251	...	1,538	9,386	4,130	1,478
1895	142	118,533	139	116,869	90‡	1,579	11,018	4,037	1,452
1896	132	115,470	129	115,586	21	1,631	12,558	4,760	1,276
1897	129	124,128	127	123,887	6	1,832	15,136	4,716	1,185
1898	127	133,752	127	132,767	1	1,909	15,675	4,577	1,290

NOTE.—The following additional information is for the year 1898:—Birth rate, 33.49; Death rate, 38.73; Marriage rate, 11.53 per 1,000 persons living. *Immigration*—The total number of arrivals in 1898 was 1,624, of whom 726 were Europeans. *Emigration* (1898)—Total departures, 938, of whom 254 were Europeans.

Sources of Revenue—Customs duties, £45,300; other taxes, £26,974; other sources, £21,690. *Heads of Expenditure*—Interest on public debt, £9,290; Post Office, &c., £2,542; general administration, £37,372; law and protection, £17,311; public works, £7,114; other expenditure, £13,965. *Public Debt*—In 1898, consisted of £96,516 Imperial advances, bearing no interest, in aid of annexation, and in payment of compensation in respect of disallowed land claims; £100,000 for payment of liabilities of former so-called Government; and £50,000 for public works and immigration, less £37,300 redeemed, bearing interest at 4½ per cent.

Imports and Exports—Of the total value of imports, £215,104, or about 91 per cent., was from the Australasian Colonies (nearly four-fifths being from New South Wales and about one-eighth from New Zealand), and £19,745 from other countries; and of the total value of exports, £510,151, or over 95 per cent., was to Australasian Colonies (two-thirds being to New Zealand, more than one-tenth to Victoria, and one-sixth nearly to New South Wales), and £23,952 to other countries; almost the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. *Postal Returns* (1898)—Number of offices, 38; letters, 415,941; newspapers, 318,453. *Education*—Number of schools, 7 (2 public and 5 private); teachers, 18, viz., 7 males and 11 females; scholars on the rolls, 414, viz., 225 males and 189 females.

Agriculture—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 47,035 acres. The area and produce of the principal crops in 1898 were as follow:—

Area in Acres.				Produce.		
Maize	469	..	23,960 bushels	Exports only.
Cocoanuts	..	..	21,544	..	Nuts, 7,834 sacks; copra, 6,474 tons
Sugar	..	..	22,078	..	34,156 tons
Bananas	..	..	1,536	..	364,486 bunches
Tea	..	..	210	..	14 cwt.
Peanuts	..	..	170	..	162 tons
Rice	..	..	508	..	..
Pine-apples, hemp, coffee, tobacco, beans	520	..	Pines and bananas, 40,730 cases	

* The total area alienated at the end of 1898 was 423,018 acres, and the area unalienated 4,530,902 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1895 was only £27,042, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were for lands acquired by whites and others previously to annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of One shilling.

† Returns from Europeans only since 1886.

‡ Against this there were Crown grants recalled for correction of an area of 98 acres.

APPENDIX B.

STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1897-8.

AREA, 90,000 SQUARE MILES.

Financial Year.	Estimated Population.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Value of—		Shipping.				Gold Produced.*		Postal Returns.					
		Locally Raised.	Provided by Guarantee.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Quantity.	Value.	Received.			Despatched.		
								Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.			Le tters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters .	Packets.	Newspapers.
		£	£	£	£	£	£					ozs.	£						
1888-9 †	Between 300,000 and 350,000	2,680	12,320	15,000	10,770	11,109	5,943	198	7,482	188	6,952	3,850	14,387	2,366	93	4,071	2,587	98	574
1889-90		3,016	11,984	15,000	14,975	16,104	6,455	92	5,897	96	6,287	3,470	12,440	3,166	111	6,844	2,586	84	590
1890-91		2,674	12,326	15,000	15,000	15,530	8,434	64	4,597	61	4,365	2,426	8,371	2,664	142	6,042	2,191	88	468
1891-2		4,784	10,216	15,000	15,000	23,755	11,289	56	4,966	55	5,977	1,235	4,322	4,393	260	8,505	3,917	160	756
1892-3		4,605	10,395	15,000	15,000	25,261	14,966	42	3,351	34	3,300	582	2,236	4,679	230	6,749	4,011	427	276
1893-4		5,867	9,133	15,000	15,000	28,501	14,952	35	3,872	27	2,791	1,128	3,906	6,280	157	8,131	5,297	467	240
1894-5		5,109	9,891	15,000	15,000	28,367	16,215	104	6,605	78	6,082	728	2,565	6,279	129	7,146	6,189	468	776
1895-6		6,547	8,453	15,000	15,000	34,521	19,401	89	10,387	60	9,472	1,373	4,735	7,130	246	7,197	4,987	281	828
1896-7	10,663	4,337	15,000	16,228	51,391	35,654	85	13,650	65	15,174	7,148	25,018	11,148	181	7,441	11,550	475	1,635	
1897-8	10,281	4,719	15,000	14,991	46,971	49,859	92	13,642	76	12,909	6,831	25,612	9,604	249	8,691	10,203	497	2,135	

NOTES.—The Finances are supplied by a sum not exceeding £15,000 per annum, for which the Colony of Queensland has made itself primarily responsible, Victoria and New South Wales contributing equally with Queensland towards this amount. Local revenue is applied in reduction of the sums payable by the contributing colonies, and any credit balance in the appropriation account must be written off at the end of the year.

Crown lands may be alienated for agricultural purposes, at not less than 2s. 6d. per acre, conditional on the introduction of some new industry. Where no such condition as to improvements is imposed, the minimum prices are:—For agricultural land, 10s. per acre; pastoral land, 2s.; for trading or fishing purposes, £5; and for cocoanut planting, 5s. per acre. Areas not exceeding 50 acres may be sold under deferred payments, extending over 5 years, the minimum price in such cases being £1 per acre.

The following is additional information for the year 1897-8:—*Population*.—It is impossible to obtain anything more than a rude guess at the total of the indigenous population. The non-native population of the Possession in April, 1891, was about 272, of whom only 156 were whites, the remainder being chiefly Polynesians, Malays, &c. *Sources of Local Revenue*.—Customs duties, £9,208; licences, £304; gold-fields, £285; fees, fines, &c., £213; miscellaneous, £271. *Heads of Expenditure*.—Salaries and allowances, £8,347; vessels, £1,589; buildings and works, £395; agriculture, £88; and miscellaneous, £4,572. *Chief Exports*.—Gold, £25,612; sandalwood, £2,940; copra, 312 tons, value £2,425; pearl shell, 104 tons value £8,469; india-rubber, 15 tons, value £3,683; and bêche-de-mer, 37 tons, value £3,395.

* Gold entered at Cooktown, Queensland, as received from British New Guinea, no other record being available. The number of miners on the gold-fields fell off from 700 or 800 in 1888-9 to about 40 in 1891-2; but again increased to over 200 in 1894-5, owing to the discovery of a new gold-field at Murna or Woodlark, and prospecting was being vigorously pursued along the course of the rivers N.E. coast with rather encouraging prospects.

† Ten months only.

APPENDIX C.

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1851 TO 1898.

Period.	Number of Immigrants introduced in each year.							
	Victoria.	New South Wales.*	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
DECADES.								
1851-60 ...	87,963	71,649	...	48,905	...	16,636	†	225,153
1861-70 ...	46,594	18,212	1,617	13,730	...	1,852	†	82,005
1871-80 ...	5,545	24,412	50,782	25,415	889	477	100,920	208,440
1881-90 ...	2	34,079	103,140	7,295	4,552	2,734	14,614	166,416
YEAR.								
1891 ...	...	190	2,676	...	134	...	44	3,044
1892 ...	...	179	729	...	317	...	...	1,225
1893 ...	...	120	...	...	186	...	...	306
1894 ...	...	67	...	...	199	...	...	266
1895 ...	...	37	...	...	144	...	...	181
1896 ...	...	17	...	...	136	...	...	153
1897 ...	...	35	...	...	180	...	...	215
1898 ...	...	5	...	...	97	...	...	102
Total ...	140,104	149,002	158,944	95,345	6,834	21,699	115,578 †	687,506 †

NOTE.—For particulars relating to each year, see issues of these Statistics for 1893 and previous years.

* In New South Wales, prior to the period embraced in the table, there were 62,961 assisted immigrants between 1832 and 1850.

† Exclusive of the numbers for New Zealand for years prior to 1870.

APPENDIX D.

OVERLAND MIGRATION BY RAIL.

Year.	Victoria.		New South Wales.		Queensland.		South Australia.	
	Arrivals.	Departures.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Arrivals.	Departures.
1891 (9 months)	46,060*	44,991*	50,775	49,685	6,497	5,936	30,496†	32,450†
1892 ...	55,242	54,072	62,050	62,734	8,965	8,715	40,150	37,203
1893 ...	44,471	43,981	45,175	49,207	6,656	6,076	31,898	26,932
1894 ...	42,134	41,304	42,809	45,442	6,347	6,078	27,931	25,713
1895 ...	45,643	44,040	52,795	57,125	6,475	5,740	29,182	26,188
1896 ...	55,775	54,916	58,860	57,690	8,182	8,370	36,181	35,177
1897 ...	57,523	55,645	64,863	66,297	9,495	9,719	38,895	39,289
1898 ...	51,485	51,670	63,582	65,708	10,530	10,030	39,232	38,192
Total ...	398,333	390,619	440,909	453,888	63,147	60,664	273,965	261,144

* These numbers represent three-fourths of the total for the year 1891.

† Estimated, assuming the same proportion between sea and overland migration for the 9 months as existed for the full year.